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St. Joseph rejects BLM street mural

Commissioners cite legal ramifications

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Emotions ran high Monday night as the St. Joseph City Commission considered a proposal to allow a Black Lives Matter street mural to be painted on a city street near St. Joseph High School.

In the end, after two hours of discussion in a meeting held online on Zoom, city commissioners voted to work with high school students and other citizens to come up with a way to convey the message that Black lives do matter. But it will not be in the form of a street mural.

Commissioners have wrestled with the proposal for several weeks. They agreed that while the message is important and as citizens they support it, as city officials they are bound by legal and liability concerns.

The commission struggled with a number of motions Monday night before settling on a motion by Commissioner Lynn Todman, seconded by Peggy Getty, to engage the students who organized a petition in favor of the mural to work with one of the Social Justice Committees to develop a Black Lives Matter message that falls within legal parameters. That motion passed unanimously.

The idea for the mural to be painted on a St. Joseph street was presented by Paul and Lauren Mow at a Social Justice meeting July 20, and was brought to the city commission for discussion at regular meetings on July 27 and Aug. 10.

The Mows, along with Benton Harbor activist Trenton Bowens, said it would be a signal of solidarity between the two cities and would be modeled after one painted on Colfax Avenue in Benton Harbor, in front of the high school.

St. Joseph High School students circulated an online petition in favor of the mural and it drew more than 2,300 signatures, as of last Friday.

St. Joseph City Manager John Hodgson said the city received 140 written comments from citizens, both in favor of and against the

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Drew Aiken, a lawyer working with Doctors Without Borders, will be spending the next year in Kinshasa, in far West Africa. Aiken is a 2005 graduate of Lakeshore High School.

Serving where the need is greatest

Lakeshore grad returning for second mission to Africa as part of Doctors Without Borders

ST. JOSEPH — Drew Aiken is on a mission.

Literally, and figuratively

The 2005 Lakeshore High School graduate and that year's Miss Stevensville, now a lawyer, is on her second mission to Africa.

The 33-year-old graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in philosophy. She then received her law degree at the University of Miami, Florida, where she also obtained a master's degree in international law.

Now she travels the world working for Doctors Without Borders, founded in France in 1971 as Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). The organization now has humanitarian projects in more than 70 countries.

Her next mission is a year-long one to Kinshasa in far West Africa. Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Julie Swidwa met with Aiken outside the home of her father, Scott Aiken of St. Joseph, before she departed on her current mission. (Scott Aiken is a retired Herald-Palladium staff writer.)

Q&A
Drew Aiken

How did you get interested in this kind of work?

During law school I was part of the Human Rights Clinic there, which was very formative to my career. The University of Miami has a great hands-on clinic where you have both a theoretical component and a practical component, where you work directly on cases involving human rights. The case that I was most involved in was related to deportations to Haiti, to try to stop them after the earthquake in 2011, basically working to halt deportations, particularly for those with severe medical conditions and with family ties to the U.S. We met with some of the families whose relatives had been deported and actually traveled to Haiti. After that, that really kind of solidified my interest in human rights.

Tell me about the mission you just finished in Malawi.

It's a small landlocked country in southeast Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world. They have a lot of challenges with their health system as many poor countries do. They have a very high HIV prevalence – about 9.2 percent of Malawians are living with HIV. With that, combined with few resources, they're very dependent on international donors, but they do offer some amount of universal access to health services, especially for HIV and TB.

I went in September 2019. That was my first mission with Doctors Without Borders.

Tell me in your own words, what does Doctors Without Borders do?

We're a medical humanitarian organization. We provide needed care to the most vulnerable, the most in need, often in countries with severe challenges, conflicts, displacements, natural disasters, or epidemics. We make decisions about where we work based on analysis and where we think there's the most need. We're kind of known for working in war zones and conflict zones which is a big part of what we do, responding post-disaster and also where there are unmet needs in general.

What is your specific job?

My title is advocacy manager. So I have a role that relates to policy and

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Police are investigating this past weekend's vandalism along the South Pier in St. Joseph. The crime occurred sometime late Friday or early Saturday morning.

South Pier hit by vandals

Large areas spray-painted with anti-police graffiti

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker said he was disheartened to learn Saturday morning that the South Pier off of Silver Beach County Park in St. Joseph had been spray-painted with political and racial messages.

"Especially right after all the Sept. 11 memorial commemorations. This is extremely disheartening," Neubecker said Monday afternoon. "Everybody's trying to do the right thing."

But sometime overnight Friday into Saturday, someone vandalized the pier with spray-painted messages such as "Blue Lives Don't Matter" and "F--- da Police." Neubecker said there are also political messages about Joe Biden and Donald Trump.

Police are in the process of reviewing hours of video from cameras at Silver Beach and the bluff stairway to try to zone in on who may be responsible for the vandalism.

Neubecker said it was discovered around 8 a.m. Saturday by Greg Grothous, deputy director of Parks & Grounds for St. Joseph on a routine check of the area.

"He sent me a text message immediately asking if I was aware of it," Neubecker said. "Until then, I had not been."

He said police have spoken with a couple of citizens who said they were in

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Lakeshore schools' COVID plan kicks in after positive test

Five others were quarantined as a result

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — One Lakeshore High School student has tested positive for COVID-19 and five more are in quarantine, Superintendent Phil Freeman reported to school board trustees Monday.

"It was just a matter of time," he said. "On Friday, Sept. 4, we received notification from the Berrien County Health Department that a Lakeshore High School student tested positive for COVID-19."

He said that after following protocols already established, they identified five students who were potentially exposed to the virus, which means they were within six feet of the positive student for 15 minutes or more. He said they were directed to quarantine for 14 days by the health department.

Freeman said he sent an email to parents letting them know about the positive case.

"We are mitigating the possibilities (of COVID-19 exposure), we just cannot eliminate the possibilities," he said.

He said a COVID-19 dashboard will be added to the district's website later this week with statistics on the virus, including information specific to Lakeshore.

"We want to be as transparent as possible for our families," he said.

He said parents are working with the school district by keeping students who are ill at home.

"People want to keep the school open," he said.

He said the first two weeks of school worked well with having only half of the in-person students in their classrooms at a time. This Monday was the first day all of the students attended school at the same time.

"I'm very pleased with how seriously our students are taking this," he said.

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Biden, flush with cash, boosts ad spending in battlegrounds

By BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's massive campaign war chest was supposed to finance an onslaught of attacks that would destroy Joe Biden's chance of winning in November.

But after months of profligate spending, the attacks did little to diminish the Democratic nominee's standing. Trump's formidable cash advantage has evaporated. And it is Biden who over the past month has outspent Trump by nearly double, advertising data shows.

Coming off a record-shattering $364 million August fundraising haul, Biden is pouring tens of millions of dollars into a torrent of ads airing in battleground states. The aim is to get out his message of competent leadership, while pinning blame on Trump for a lost year, wracked by disease, unrest and economic hardship.

Trump's campaign, meanwhile, has implemented recent belt-tightening measures and went dark on TV multiple times in August to conserve resources, worrying allies that Democrats could drown him out on TV with weeks left in the campaign.

"It should be an alarm to every Republican donor that they've got to dig deep and give more," said David McIntosh, a former Indiana congressman who leads the conservative Club for Growth, which has come to Trump's aid by running commercials on his behalf. "Fox News will help carry (Trump's) message, but the mainstream media won't. That means he's got to have enough resources to go over their heads and talk directly with voters."

Advertising is not likely to be a deciding factor in the presidential contest, but it is a powerful tool to influence perceptions. And it has taken on heightened importance this year because the coronavirus has limited direct contact with voters, particularly for Democrats who have eschewed knocking on doors to encourage turnout.

That places added value on not only crafting messages that resonate with diverse swaths of the electorate, but also saturating TV and social media with them.

Biden is currently running ads aimed at suburbanites, Black voters and is also running Spanish language ads to target Latinos. He's also ramped up his own attacks on Trump.

"We wanted folks to understand that the fact that they can't go to church, they can't go to school – that is a failure of American leadership. And it didn't have to happen," said Patrick Bonsignore, who is the director of paid media for the Biden campaign.

Trump's campaign dismisses concerns that they don't have the resources to compete, pointing to $200 million in ad reservations they've made through the election. And they argue Biden's many ads targeted to different demographic groups are a sign of weak support.

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Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KD-QH-5H-6H-8H
Midday Daily 3
7-3-1
Midday Daily 4
2-2-5-3
Daily 3
1-2-4
Daily 4
3-6-6-5
Fantasy 5
08-13-16-19-34
Keno
07-08-10-15-16-17-18-20-21-24-25-27-30-32-43-44-49-64-70-74-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$119 million
Powerball jackpot
$94 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
17-28-38-39-43
Estimated jackpot
$130,000
Cash4Life
01-19-27-44-46, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
05-06-08-16-22-26-28-29-30-36-41-46-52-53-57-61-64-65-76-80, BE: 36
Daily Three-Midday
8-8-3, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
6-2-2, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
1-7-7-2, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
4-8-9-7, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
01-07-08-12-20-23-25-28-31-32-34-36-41-49-54-61-65-71-76-77, BE: 61

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-24-29-36-39
Estimated jackpot
$500,000
Pick Three-Midday
8-7-9, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
4-3-7, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
7-4-5-4, Fireball: 1
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Trump defies virus rules as 'peaceful protest' rallies grow

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Supporters react as President Donald Trump speaks at a Latinos for Trump Coalition roundtable at Arizona Grand Resort & Spa on Monday in Phoenix.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is running as the "law and order" candidate. But that hasn't stopped him and his campaign from openly defying state emergency orders and flouting his own administration's coronavirus guidelines as he holds ever-growing rallies in battleground states.

Democratic governors and local leaders have urged the president to reconsider the events, warning that he's putting lives at risk. But they have largely not tried to block the gatherings of thousands of people, which Trump and his team deem "peaceful protests" protected by the First Amendment.

"If you can join tens of thousands of people protesting in the streets, gamble in a casino, or burn down small businesses in riots, you can gather peacefully under the 1st Amendment to hear from the President of the United States," Tim Murtaugh, a Trump campaign spokesperson, said in a statement.

Trump's refusal to abide by health guidelines – even those crafted by his own administration – underscores the extent to which he believes projecting an image of normalcy is vital to winning in November, even as the country approaches 200,000 deaths from COVID-19.

Trump has tried to use this summer's mass protests over racial injustice and police misconduct as cover for his rallies, making the case that, if demonstrators can gather en masse, so can his supporters. So far, Democratic governors have declined to stand in his way, refusing to become a foil to Trump and feed into his narrative that liberals are trying to deny Republicans their First Amendment rights.

Trump's campaign insisted that it takes appropriate health precautions, including handing out masks and hand sanitizer and checking the temperatures of rallygoers.

But images of thousands of maskless supporters standing shoulder to shoulder remain jarring in a country where sports are still played in empty arenas and concerts have been largely banned. That's especially true for those who have lost loved ones or spent months isolating at home and worry that rallies will further spread infection, undermining hard-fought progress. An indoor rally that Trump held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June was blamed for a surge of virus infections there.

Trump held an indoor rally at the Xtreme Manufacturing facility in Henderson, Nevada, on Sunday night. The state restricts gatherings to 50 people – based on White House reopening guidelines – but thousands of supporters packed into the warehouse space nonetheless. Relatively few people wore masks.

"This is an insult to every Nevadan who has followed the directives, made sacrifices, and put their neighbors before themselves," said Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, a Democrat.

The city of Henderson on Monday announced that it was fining Xtreme Manufacturing $3,000. Sisolak slammed the rally as "shameful, dangerous and irresponsible." But it does not appear the governor would try to prevent a replay. If Trump returns to the state for another rally, said COVID-19 response director Caleb Cage, state officials will continue to encourage his campaign to follow state law and directives.

In some other states, the rallies are legal. In North Carolina, an order signed by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper limits outdoor gatherings to 50 people and mandates masks in public, but "activities constituting the exercise of First Amendment rights" are exempt.

The state's top public health official, Dr. Mandy Cohen, played down calls for stricter enforcement last week as she criticized Trump for holding a rally at the Winston-Salem airport, where thousands of supporters crammed together without masks.

"This isn't really about mandates and enforcement. It's about leadership," Cohen told reporters.

"By using the First Amendment exemption for mass gatherings under the governor's executive order in this way, they're making it much harder for North Carolina to get our children back in school and people back to work safely," said Dory MacMillan, a spokesperson for Cooper.

In Michigan, political speech is exempt from Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order limiting the size of outdoor gatherings. And while Whitmer's office issued a memo saying people engaging in First Amendment activities still must adhere to social distancing measures, the state hasn't moved to enforce the rules at Trump's rallies or during protests.

"We hope the president would care enough about his supporters and their friends and families that he would encourage social distancing and mask wearing," said Ryan Jarvi, a spokesperson for Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel.

Nevada is one state where Trump has encountered resistance. His campaign had originally planned to hold a pair of rallies over the weekend in Las Vegas and Reno, but those plans were scuttled after the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority warned one of the hosts that the rally would violate the governor's restrictions and the terms of the company's lease. Trump's campaign immediately moved to blame Sisolak for the pushback, but the governor's office insisted it had had no involvement.

Trump told the Las Vegas Review-Journal in an interview Sunday that "he did not believe he was subject" to the order and blamed Sisolak for forcing him to abandon plans for the outdoors rallies.

"They canceled six different sites because the governor wouldn't let it happen, all external sites," the president said. The campaign did not respond to questions about what sites they had tried.

Democrats to probe whether officials meddled with virus data

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee is launching an investigation into whether political appointees have meddled with routine government scientific data to better align with President Donald Trump's public statements about the coronavirus pandemic, following a report that one such appointee claimed scientists were trying to undermine Trump.

The Democrat-led subcommittee said Monday that it is requesting transcribed interviews with seven officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services, including communications aide Michael Caputo. Caputo has often publicly pushed back on CDC statements about the coronavirus and said falsely in a Facebook video on Sunday that the CDC has a "resistance unit" against Trump, according to The New York Times. His page has since been made private.

According to a report in Politico, Caputo, along with scientific adviser Paul Alexander, pressured officials to alter the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, a long-running weekly journal that features the latest science-based research and data on infectious diseases. Known as MMWR, the report has long been a sacred government information resource for doctors, scientists and researchers tracking outbreaks.

The officials pressured CDC to change the reports, at times retroactively, to better align them with Trump's often rosier public statements about the coronavirus, Politico reported.

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Body believed to be missing swimmer recovered

Family mourns death of young Jackson man

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — The nearly weeklong search to recover the body of an 18-year-old man who drowned off of South Beach has come to an end.

"A body believed to be the victim of the Sept. 6 drowning off South Haven's South Beach was recovered Saturday," South Haven Area Emergency Services stated in a news release on Sunday. "The recovery occurred off the city's North Beach."

South Haven Police have not yet released the name of the young man, pending an autopsy. However, family members have identified him as Brandon Chambers of Jackson.

"The body recovered does appear to be Brandon. However, an autopsy will be performed and dental records will be matched," said Janet Parker, who has set up a GoFundMe site on behalf of the Chambers family to help them with expenses. As of Monday morning, $7,300 toward the $10,000 fundraising goal had been raised.

The search for Chambers was an exhaustive one that involved divers from SHAES, South Haven Police Department, the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department and Allegan County Sheriff's Department, along with the U.S. Coast Guard and private companies that conducted drone and underwater sonar searches. Haz-

CHAMBERS

ardous weather conditions had hampered search efforts for the better part of the week, including Friday.

The purpose of the drones and sonar was to identify unusual shapes or anomalies underwater to aid in the divers' search. Then on Saturday morning, fishermen in the area saw a body floating on the surface.

Afterward Chambers' family released a statement, saying in part: "The people in South Haven have been wonderful to us. The love, care and guidance shown to us by the various agencies as well as the neighbors and friends of friends made our devastation bearable."

Chambers came to South Haven along with two friends and a family of one of the friends on Sept. 6. He and a 19-year-old friend were swimming in Lake Michigan late that afternoon when both were overcome by the waves. First responders were able to rescue the 19-year-old, but could not locate Chambers, who had slipped under the water.

Family members said Chambers was an avid swimmer.

"He was a member of the Wolf Lake Waterski Club," said his grandmother, Sue Chambers. "His nickname was Shark Boy. One of the ski instructors said that Brandon was the only student he'd had who could purposely do a back slap and stand back up without missing a beat."

Brandon Chambers had just graduated from Ackerson Lake High School near Jackson this past summer, his grandmother went on to say. Active in the school district's construction program, he planned to focus on that after graduation.

"He loved music and played guitar and bass guitar," his grandmother said. "He was passionate about people being treated fairly and with kindness."

Yellow and red flags

It was originally reported by South Haven Police and SHAES that red flags were flying at South Beach as a warning for people to stay out of the water. However, according to Chambers' grandmother, that was not exactly the case.

"The flag at the pier was red but the rest were yellow," she said. "The water was rough but not real bad when the boys went in. It quickly changed while they were in the water."

SHAES has confirmed that some flags at South Beach were yellow while others were red at the time Chambers entered the water.

"After more investigation into this incident, the rescued and missing swimmers in the Sept. 6 incident entered the water under a yellow flag warning," Brandon Hinz, executive director of SHAES, said in a news release. "Conditions deteriorated rapidly and a strong rip current carried the swimmers, first responders as well, to an area marked by red flags, nullifying initial reports that the entire beach was under a red flag warning."

LONESOME SAIL

Don Campbell / HP staff

A lone windsurfer cruises along Lake Michigan, framed by the sculpture "Strata" by David Barr, near Silver Beach in St. Joseph recently.

IN BRIEF

Van Buren adds COVID-19 death

Another COVID-19 death was recorded in Van Buren County over the weekend, bringing the county's death toll to 15.

In addition, the county added 10 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cass County gained 21 new cases over the weekend. No new deaths were recorded.

Berrien County gained 17 new COVID-19 cases and 21 new recoveries. No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the Berrien County is at about 89 active COVID-19 cases, down from 93 on Friday and 99 last Monday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating seven COVID-19 patients Monday morning. That's down from nine on Friday and the same as last Monday.

Stevensville teen injured in crash

NILES — One person suffered minor injuries when his car hit a tree early Monday morning.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office said Matthew Cates, 17, of Stevensville missed a stop sign at the intersection of Redfield Road and Gumwood Street in Milton Township near Niles due to fog, and hit a tree. It happened at about 7:15 a.m. Monday, police said.

Cates was taken by Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service to South Bend Memorial Hospital for treatment of his injuries. He had been wearing a seat belt, police said.

The accident remains under investigation.

SJ students back in the classroom ... sort of

Virtual learning faces hurdles

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's been one week since students returned to classrooms and St. Joseph schools has been cautiously making its way back.

At Monday night's board meeting, Superintendent Thomas Bruce gave trustees an update on how the five schools are transitioning into the fall semester during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had 25 percent of the students onsite in each of the four days last week. It's been very, very good for us to run through our processes and procedures with students," Bruce said. "I attended all the schools and car lines and most classrooms. This week, we'll start with half of our students to come for half of the day. But we're not doing lunch yet until Wednesday."

Bruce said there have been a few teachers who are getting worried about what next week will look like. However, he said the plan will continue to change and the staff will adapt when necessary.

"The biggest piece was looking after our staff and making sure they are safe as well," Bruce told trustees. "I think their main concern has been, 'How big will the classes get?' ... Class sizes are normally around 20 kids. A few are larger at the high school."

Bruce discussed this with the teachers union Monday and how the district intends to keep their numbers at a "manageable level."

He said teachers understand learning and how education has a social element to it.

Virtual school

St. Joseph schools had some problems with its virtual classes last week. However, Bruce told trustees the majority of virtual classes are getting slammed across the country.

The district partnered with Edmentum's EdOptions Academy for its at-home learning experience. Edmentum, which has provided online learning to students since 1997, has worked with more than 700 schools and districts to support over 85,000 students.

Bruce said he and other staff spoke with the vice president of Edmentum on resolving some of the problems.

"They've had so many students come into their system that it was inundated. It was sluggish so they worked to clean things up with their vendor," Bruce said.

Edmentum has since changed vendors, and Bruce said he expects everything to be resolved soon.

"For us and our families, they are used to a solid product and having the best education around. I feel like we have the right product, it's just a matter of following through," Bruce said. "Our families will not be behind. I think it will be fine in the end. But there is a required phase-in because there are such huge changes."

Board President Barry Conybeare said he hasn't heard any negative feedback to the phased-in approach for the first week, but asked that parents be patient.

"The students who were at school in person were there for half a day and the virtual students weren't there at all," Conybeare said. "But there wasn't much teaching going on as everyone is getting settled in, so no one is behind."

Masking up

Bruce also addressed how the district is enforcing the use of masks, which are required by the state to be worn in school.

He said superintendents throughout the county have received doctor's notes stating "it would be nice" if certain students could attend school without a mask.

However, Bruce said students are required to wear masks, and that the district does provide a virtual option.

"We've been really, really good at making accommodations for families," Bruce said. "If someone brings us a letter, we're going to look at accommodations. But at the same time, this is about keeping as many students face-to-face as possible."

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Watervliet schools working to fix remote learning problems

Plans being revamped on the fly as school during a pandemic proves difficult

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — Watervliet Public Schools officials are working to fix four problems related to remote learning that cropped up during the start of the new school year during the coronavirus pandemic.

"There are lots of things that have gone OK, but certainly some challenges that have surfaced as well. Anytime you implement a new plan, you will always have some problems," Superintendent Ric Seager told the school board Monday night.

He said the volume of students who chose to learn remotely, the time that teachers have, delays in receiving needed technology and professional development are all issues that arose during the first two weeks of school.

He said the technology problem should be solved within the next week due to a shipment of 522 new Chromebooks that were delivered to the district on Monday.

The computers were ordered in late May/early June and were delayed due to high demand during the pandemic.

Seager said the students learning remotely, plus some high schoolers learning in-person, had Chromebooks, so the new ones will be distributed to the rest of the in-person students.

He said this delay in getting computers to some in-person students created a problem in which teachers had to come up with two lesson plans.

"Our idea was that they wouldn't have to do that, and both the in-person and remote students would be learning the same material in Google Classroom," Seager said.

This added to the time teachers needed, even though the district had reduced student time to allow for an extra hour of planning for each teacher.

"About 25 percent of our kids have chosen option B. It seemed doable, but once we got into it, we noticed it wasn't," he said.

It also led to some teachers having a handful of students and some having more than 20.

Seager said there is another strain on time due to teachers having to work outside of normal school-day hours with the remote learning students, partially due to the availability of the families.

In addition, some teachers need more time to work with the technology than others, but there aren't enough resources to help train those teachers.

He said several options for how to fix these problem are being discussed, including putting in some half days for in-person students, or doing remote learning on Wednesdays. Another option is hiring some teachers who would just handle remote students.

"Some of it might cost some money and we might need to adjust our calendars a bit, but I think we can solve this," Seager said. "The teachers want to solve this."

He said other general problems include some gaps in internet coverage in the district that is evident even with devices with the best coverage.

In addition, the vendors handling virtual learning haven't been able to keep up, so some students haven't started classes yet or don't have teachers assigned to those classes.

"The vendors are inundated at a national level," Seager said. "So we're exploring changing vendors as soon as (today)."

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MSU frats, sororities ordered to quarantine

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A county on Monday ordered a two-week quarantine for 23 fraternities and sororities and seven large rental houses near Michigan State University following a coronavirus outbreak that a local health official said was turning into a "crisis."

The quarantine, which is mandatory, means students or others living in the buildings cannot leave except for medical care or necessities that cannot be delivered. The houses have known cases or exposure to COVID-19.

"I do not take this lightly, but there is an outbreak centered on Michigan State University and it is quickly becoming a crisis," Ingham County Heath Officer Linda Vail said in a statement. "The surge in cases we have seen over the past few weeks is alarming."

Vail acted two days after she urged all MSU students living locally to voluntarily self-quarantine for two weeks, citing at least 342 cases among people affiliated with the university during the previous 16 days.

She said the outbreak was being fueled by a lack of cooperation and compliance from some students at the school, which is offering online-only instruction after encouraging students to not live in dorms and instead stay home. People who willfully violate the order could face six months in jail, a $200 fine or both.

Since Aug. 24, two days before the start of classes, Ingham's COVID-19 case count has jumped by 52 percent, according to the county. A third of the county's cases since March were reported in the past three weeks.

Also Monday, the state health department for the first time released a list of school-related outbreaks, defined as two or more non-household cases with a link by place and time indicating a shared exposure. It will be posted weekly and include both pre-K-12 schools and colleges. There were 28 outbreaks on the state website, including 11 identified last week.

Michigan State had the largest new outbreak: 203 students. Grand Valley State University had the biggest ongoing outbreak: 438 students.

"Parents and students should know that if their school is listed, their local health department and school are already investigating. Based on that investigation, people are contacted individually if they were possibly exposed to COVID-19 at school," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's chief medical executive and chief health deputy.

The data does not include students or staff exposed to the virus outside a school building and not thought to have spread it in the school due to quarantine or self-isolation. The state stressed it is not a complete picture of school outbreaks due to under-reporting.

Michigan launches $5 million in ads to urge masks to fight virus

LANSING (AP) — Michigan on Monday launched a $5 million advertising campaign to urge people to wear a mask to fight the coronavirus, with a focus on appealing to those who believe the state's requirement infringes on their rights.

The "spread hope, not COVID" message includes three public service announcements. Two feature military members saying they wear a face covering to protect their freedom and the freedom of others, saying it can reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 by 70 percent. A sergeant shown in both ads puts on a mask showing the American flag.

"The more we wear masks, the sooner this is going to end, the sooner we can return to normal. Whether we wear masks is going to have a direct effect," Robert Gordon, director of the state Department of Health and Human Services, said in an interview. "We want to speak to folks who are skeptical in a way that's respectful, that honors their perspective and says, 'Yes, freedom's important. But wearing masks protects freedom and gets us close to day when this is over.'"

The ads are based on a survey of about 2,000 residents and are being funded with federal virus relief aid.

The goal, Gordon said, is to "reinforce in a hopeful way" the importance of social distancing and wearing a face covering even if it is a burden. The ad campaign is separate from one, known as "Rona," that targets young adults and is funded primarily by businesses.

"This campaign is geared toward all Michiganders," he said.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order requires face coverings in enclosed public spaces and crowded outdoor places where distancing cannot be consistently maintained.

Lawmakers, Whitmer reach budget framework with no K-12 cuts

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Republican lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer agreed to a budget framework Monday, saying there will be no cuts to K-12 schools or municipalities despite the coronavirus pandemic's effect on tax revenues.

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The deal came 17 days before the start of the fiscal year. Few specifics were released, including whether spending will be reduced in some areas. The chairs of legislative budget subcommittee will now take their spending "target" levels, which were not made public, and work to iron out bills.

Legislators will take final votes next week. The agreement was announced three weeks after the state received a better-than-expected revenue forecast. Billions of dollars from a federal bailout that were used to address a projected deficit in the current budget, combined with stronger tax collections than projected in May, will effectively help in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Stamas, a Midland Repubican, said working together was "absolutely essential" given it "has been a year unlike any other." House Appropriations Committee Chairman Shane Hernandez, a Port Huron Republican, said the budget will be "sound and sustainable so we are ready for what lies ahead."

State budget director Chris Kolb said that under the framework, there will be funding for "key priorities such as education, health care and skills training."

Legislators and others have urged caution due to uncertainty over whether Congress and President Donald Trump will do another round of stimulus checks and keep in place supplemental unemployment benefits – which, along with federally funded forgivable loans to businesses, are credited with lessening the economic pain from virus-related shutdowns.

Relative to the last budget year, combined revenue in Michigan's school and general funds is estimated to drop by $657 million, or 2.7 percent, this fiscal year, according to the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency. It is forecast to fall by $973 million next budget year, or 4.1 percent, and $1.4 billion in the 2020-21 fiscal year, or 6.1 percent. The declines are roughly equivalent to $3 billion in federal rescue funds sent to the state, but it is facing higher social service caseloads during the downturn, inflationary spending pressures and higher costs due to COVID-19.

IN BRIEF

Boy, 11, fatally shot while hunting; stepfather arrested

CLAY TOWNSHIP (AP) — An 11-year-old boy has been shot and killed by his stepfather while hunting with his family in southeastern Michigan.

Police were called out to a hunting accident Sunday night in Clay Township, the Times Herald of Port Huron reported.

Police said its believed the family was looking for deer in some woods when the boy was "struck by a round discharged by his 40-year-old stepfather." The boy later died at a hospital.

The stepfather was arrested. The shooting was being reviewed by the St. Clair County prosecutor's office.

Officers regain control of UP prison unit after fight

LANSING (AP) — Authorities regained control of a 236-inmate housing unit inside an Upper Peninsula prison early Monday hours after a fight among three inmates resulted in one being Tased by an officer, the state Corrections Department said.

The fight began around 10:25 p.m. Sunday at the Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe. After the Tased prisoner was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, many inmates – who had not yet been locked in their cells for the night – approached an officer station, forcing the guards to leave.

Staff and members of the department's emergency response team moved into the low-security unit just before 4 a.m. and retook control, putting all inmates in their cells. The U.S. Border Patrol helped provide additional perimeter security. State police also responded.

Corrections spokesman Chris Gautz said the Tased prisoner was medically cleared at the hospital and discharged back into the department's custody. There is extensive damage inside the unit, which houses lower-level inmates. The prisoners were transferred to other facilities until repairs can be made.

Ex-Catholic school teacher charged in sex abuse cases

JACKSON (AP) — A former Catholic school teacher in Michigan faces sex abuse allegations stretching back more than four decades.

Charges against Joseph Comperchio are part of the state's ongoing investigation into clergy abuse, Attorney General Dana Nessel's office announced Monday.

Comperchio, 66, was arrested Monday in Fort Myers, Florida. He was expected to be arraigned Tuesday in Florida on two counts of first-degree and four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

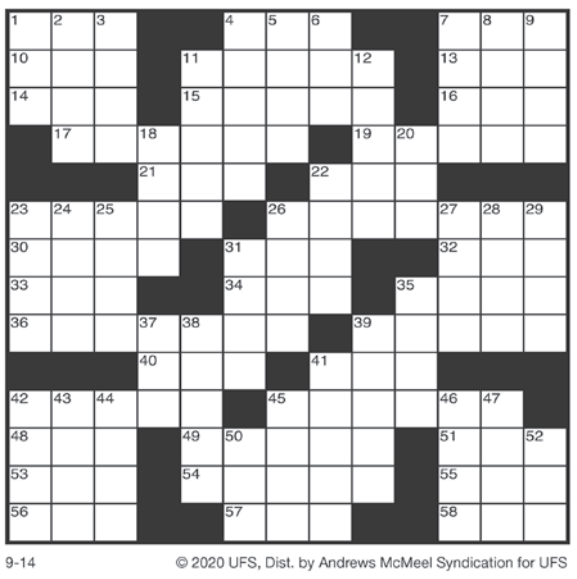
Two people have told authorities they were between 9 and 11 years old when abused between 1974 and 1977, Nessel's office said.

CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Rowdy crowd
4 Flavor enhancer, for short
7 Center
10 Way back when
11 Carved pole
13 Seine vista
14 Table part
15 Sports complex
16 Chromosome material
17 Avoid
19 Escalator part
21 Dawn goddess
22 Teachers' org.
23 Brawl
26 Cross at risk
30 Freezes over
31 Janitor's tool
32 Pedro's river
33 Mexican Mrs.
34 Fiesta shout
35 Too
36 Seedless raisin
39 Cape
40 Pharm. watchdog
41 Pro vote
42 Youngster
45 Where Leo is
48 NW state
49 Straitlaced person
51 Periscope site, for short
53 Always, in poems
54 Yarns
55 Cable network
56 Furniture mover
57 "The King and I" name
58 Chatter away

DOWN
1 — de mer
2 Type of arch
3 Wetlands
4 Customs
5 Hot pot
6 Army off.
7 Hole up
8 Radius neighbor
9 Tiny sphere
11 Nevada lake
12 Ahoy, —!
18 High notes
20 Uncooked
22 Collar site
23 Etc. category
24 Brownish tint
25 Name in jets
26 Nasty shock
27 Alice's chronicler
28 Bart Simpson's sister
29 Weirdo
31 Bart Simpson's grandma
35 Tien Shan mountains
37 P.O. service
38 Pass a bill
39 Yields
41 Alpine refrain
42 Ukraine's capital
43 Proposal
44 Phooey!
45 South African people
46 Wan
47 Caribbean republic
50 Light beam
52 — choy



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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VORCE

SNARKH

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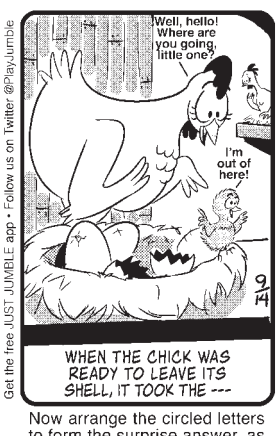

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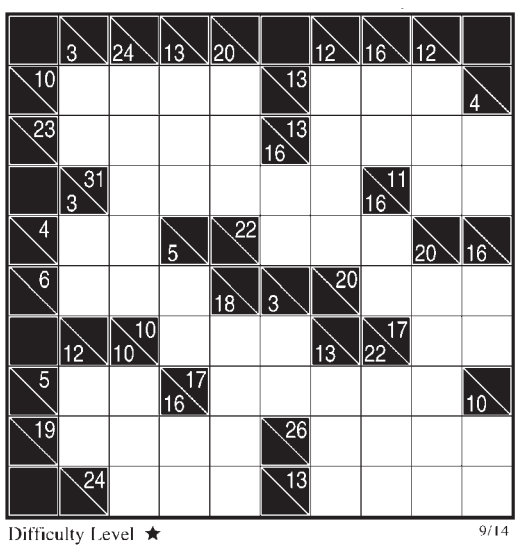
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

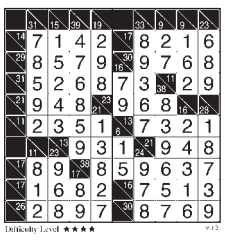
Saturday's Jumbles: PERKY WRING LONGER SONATA
Answer: When the tennis players talked business during their match, they were — NETWORKING

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 9/14

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/12

BRIDGE

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote, "Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control / These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

When a defender at the bridge table realizes how to defeat the contract, he should endeavor to take control. Partner might not be seeing the deal in the same light.

In today's deal, how should the defense go against three no-trump after West leads the diamond four?

What should North respond after his partner has opened one no-trump?

To answer that question first, North should raise straight to three no-trump. It is unlikely that three no-trump will fail and five clubs will succeed. Even if you employ transfers into a minor, reserve them for hands that are weak; or slam-going; or at least game-going with a major-suit singleton (or void), which you show on round two.

At a Bridge Base Online duplicate, several Wests led a low spade, which gave South an easy 10 tricks.

The diamond start was usually much more successful. However, at two tables, after a diamond to the king and the diamond three back, when West cashed his second diamond honor, the Easts threw the nine. Then West took the last diamond trick with his seven.

West wondered why he was still on lead. Surely the answer had to be because East held the spade king, so both Wests shifted to that suit.

Since East had an ace, he should have kept his diamond nine for the fourth round of the suit and cashed his heart ace to defeat the contract.

North 09-14-20
♠ A 9 3
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 6
♣ K J 9 5 3 2

West
♠ J 8 7 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A J 7 4
♣ 8 6

East
♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 10 7 4

South
♠ K Q 10 4
♥ K J 5 4
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A Q

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♦ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	3				7	2		
		4	5	2	6			
6	7			8		4	9	
	4		6			5	1	
3	1		2	4	5		6	8
	5	6			8		4	
	9	8		6			5	1
			8	1	4	6		
		1	9				2	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	6	7	2	3	4	9	8	1
9	8	3	5	6	1	2	4	7
2	1	4	9	8	7	3	6	5
1	4	5	3	2	6	7	9	8
3	2	9	4	7	8	5	1	6
6	7	8	1	9	5	4	2	3
7	9	2	6	1	3	8	5	4
4	3	1	8	5	2	6	7	9
8	5	6	7	4	9	1	3	2

OBITUARIES

Dennis Soulard

July 3, 1945 – Sept. 12, 2020

Dennis "Denny" Soulard passed away Sept. 12, 2020.

Born July 3, 1945, he took great pride in his Southwest Michigan roots of living and working in the Coloma and Watervliet area for a large portion of his life.

Denny worked for more than 25 years at the Watervliet Paper Mill and later Metal Processors in Stevensville. He forged lifelong friendships with many people and acted as a mentor, friend and listening ear to many.

Denny lived with a passion for life and for meeting people, and can be best described as someone who had never met a stranger and would give the shirt off his back in a second. He coached little and peanut league teams, softball and soccer, and in his younger days was an avid bicyclist.

He loved to make people laugh, and cherished the time he spent with people over the years, from bowling leagues at Wil-o-Paw Lanes in Coloma, deer camp with friends, traveling, going out to eat, or just simply staying at home.

He had an uncanny ability to recall details and tell a story, a true testament to how important people and experiences were in his life. He seemed to always find the best in everybody and gave everyone he met the benefit of the doubt that they were a good person, regardless of their past, or anyone else's opinions.

In the fall of 1990, he met Valerie, and, as they say, the rest was history. Val and he retired near Chase and created several memories with friends and family there. Val and Denny also bought a motor home when they retired, and traveled to 49 of the 50 states in it, including a long trek to Alaska and back.

In recent years they have spent winters in Alabama, Florida, Arizona and many points in between. Val and Denny were a perfect match, and he was very fortunate to spend the last 30 years with his best friend and love of his life.

Anyone who knew Denny would know he wouldn't want people to be sad of his passing, but to rather take this time to let the ones you love know how much they mean to you and to maybe call up someone you haven't talked to in a while.

Denny is survived by his wife, Valerie; son, Keith Soulard (Allison and Jalen); daughter, Kelli Muth (Greg); son, Ryan Soulard (Christina); granddaughter (unofficial daughter) Taylor Prestidge (Matt) and their children/his great-grandchildren, Hudson and Raeghan-Denni; stepson, Mark Lambrecht (Kim) and their children.

Dennis has two siblings, Edward (Phyliss) Soulard of St. Joseph and Jeanine Ratter of Stevensville.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Goldie Soulard of Coloma.

A celebration of Denny's life will be planned for Oct. 3, 2020, in Coloma, with more details to be announced soon.

To leave a message of comfort for Denny's family, visit www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

Marion D. Stiles

Nov. 4, 1930 – Sept. 12, 2020

Marion D. Stiles, 89, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 12, 2020, at home while in the loving care of her family.

She and twin sister, Mary, were born in Benton Harbor on Nov. 4, 1930, to Mabel and Henry Eglinsdoerfer. They were raised by Mary and Lloyd Bennett.

Upon graduation from Berrien Springs High School in 1949, and County Normal in 1950, Marion began teaching in several rural one-room schools while attending Western Michigan University. She received a bachelor's degree in education in 1965, and was hired by the Eau Claire Public Schools to develop their first Title I program.

Children had a special place in Marion's heart, and she had a passion for helping the underserved, especially focusing on helping them with their reading. She retired in 1988, but remained active in education, developing materials for children to use in nontraditional settings.

Marion met Duane A. Stiles in Berrien Springs, and they were married on July 27, 1952. They were happily married for 44 years until his death in 1996.

Marion is preceded in death by many sisters and brothers. She is survived by her twin sister, Mary Braman; daughters, Sherry Doyle and Dwan (Barry) Spriggs of Berrien Springs; grandsons, Jason Swenson (Alicia) of Bridgman and Brian Swenson of Berrien Springs; great-grandchildren, Jason Duane Swenson and Grace Belle Swenson of Bridgman; along with many beloved nieces and nephews. She also loved her four-legged grand-dogs, Bobby, Sammy, Daisy, Benny and Scottie.

As her health declined, she was lovingly cared for by her grandson, Brian, and Heather Bradley, who came from Arkansas. She deeply loved them both.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at Rose Hill Cemetery with Pastor Doug Cuthbert, where she will be laid to rest alongside her husband, Duane.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marion D. Stiles Memorial Fund, c/o Fifth Third Bank, 201 W. Ferry St., Berrien Springs, MI 49103; or Caring Circle in St. Joseph.

Memories can be shared online at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Philipp F. Schneider

Philipp F. Schneider, 80, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020.

He is survived by older brother, Otto J. Schneider, of Berrien Springs; his niece, Concepcion Schneider of Oak Park, Ill.; nephews, Otto Schneider of St. Charles, Ill., Elek Schneider of Chicago, and Bleyer Schneider of Las Vegas; and his former wife, Renate Schneider, of Benton Harbor.

His sister, Ingeborg DiLeo (nee Schneider), preceded him in death.

Born in Hungary in 1940, to Georg and Elisabeth Schneider (nee Zimmermann), he and his family, along with millions of ethnic Germans, were forcibly expelled from Hungary in 1945, and forced to repatriate to Germany, their ancestral homeland.

In 1952, Philipp immigrated to the United States with his parents and siblings. Upon graduating from high school, Philipp joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for several years, where he married Renate Greif. They returned to the United States, settling in St. Joseph, where Philipp began his lifelong career with the Benton Harbor Police Department, from which he retired at the rank of lieutenant.

Upon retiring from the police force, Philipp was able to enjoy his many hobbies, including working on cars and motorcycles, DIY projects around his house, building models and caring for his dog.

His family will remember him as a vibrant, caring and talented brother and uncle, and he will be missed.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Allred Funeral Home in Berrien Springs, followed by a private Mass of Christian burial at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Berrien Springs, and burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

To leave a condolence online, visit www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn Lorraine Hill

May 12, 1954 – Sept. 11, 2020

Marilyn Lorraine Hill, 66, of Benton Harbor passed away Friday, Sept. 11, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

Marilyn was born May 12, 1954, in Benton Harbor, to Marvin and Emma Bultema. She attended Benton Harbor and St. Joseph schools until her family moved north, where she attended White Cloud High School and graduated.

Marilyn later moved back to St. Joseph. On July 22, 1988, she married Larry Hill, and worked in the bar he owned, Larry's Landing, until its sale in 1994. She was very energetic and enjoyed the bar business. Marilyn also enjoyed crafts, especially making dream catchers and giving them to friends.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Larry Hill of Benton Harbor; her sons, Scott Allers (Coleen) of St. Joseph, and Anthony Jannings of South Bend, Ind.; her mother, Emma Kilmer of Yuma, Ariz.; her siblings, Diana (Terry) Renfro of Yuma, Judy (Pete) Rudzusieks of Saranac, Mich., and Charles Mielke of Yuma; and her grandchildren, Aiden and Emma Allers of St. Joseph.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. No services are planned at this time, and cremation has taken place.

Memorial contributions can be given in Marilyn's name to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan or the American Legion Post 105 Auxiliary in Benton Harbor.

Kenneth R. Parrish

Oct. 14, 1939 – Sept. 12, 2020

Kenneth R. Parrish, 80, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 12, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Berrien Springs, with pastor Douglas Adams officiating.

Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran School, 9123 George Ave., Berrien Springs, MI 49103; or to Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Messages and memories can be shared online at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Ken was born Oct. 14, 1939, in Florence, Ala., to William R. and Anne M. (Young) Parrish.

He had resided in Berrien Springs since 1955, and had been a self-employed carpenter. In his retirement years, he enjoyed building picnic tables and doghouses.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth "Tony" Parrish Jr. (Kelly Howard) and Lance Parrish (Tory), both of Berrien Center; two daughters, Regina Parrish of Florida and Jeanine Pesak of Mishawaka, Ind.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Patsy Everman and Pam Gordy of Niles, Cheryl Kalin (Jerry) of St. Joseph and Debbie Hicks (Ken) of Moreland, Ga.; brother, Larry Parrish of Baton Rouge, La.; and his former wives, JoAnn Parrish of Berrien Springs and Patricia Adler of Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, James and Billy Joel Parrish.

Death notices

Emma Agugliaro, 91, of Cassopolis died Sept. 12, 2020, at Cass County Medical Care Facility. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Curtis R. Baskin, 64, of Berrien Springs, died Sept. 12, 2020, at his home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Fred Chabot, 75, of Hagar Township, died Sept. 11, 2020, at home. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

David R. Doan, 74, of Benton Harbor, died Sept. 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Fred M. Duryee, 86, of St. Joseph died Sept. 14, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Lela Fox, 66, of Mishawaka, Ind., died Sept. 13, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Geraldine Glass, 93, of Benton Township died Sept. 9, 2020, at home. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Marilyn Lorraine Hill, 66, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 11, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Olga Linke, 89, of Bridgman died Sept. 12, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

David Alan Mathews, 65, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died Sept. 10, 2020. Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care, Grand Rapids, 616-452-3006.

Kenneth R. Parrish, 80, of Berrien Springs, died Sept. 12, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Philipp F. Schneider, 80, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 10, 2020. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Dennis Soulard, 75, of Chase, formerly of Coloma, died Sept. 12, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Marion D. Stiles, 89, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 12, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Dorothy A. Winters, 100, formerly of Stevensville, died Aug. 21, 2020, in Groveland, Fla. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Olga Linke

Nov. 3, 1930 – Sept. 12, 2020

Olga Linke, 89, of Bridgman passed away Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9650 N. Church St., Bridgman. Friends can meet with the family at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions can be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 26, Bridgman, MI 49106.

Online condolences can be left online at www.PikeFH.com.

Olga was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Poland, the daughter of the late Gottlieb and Katharine (Reinhart) Guse.

On Nov. 22, 1958, she married Erdmann Linke. He preceded her in death on Oct. 19, 2013.

Olga was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bridgman. She came to the United States in 1951, and became a U.S. citizen in 1974. In 1980, Olga went back to work during the summers for Krieger Nursery and was a member of the St. Joe Kickers Sport Club.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Linke and Hubert Linke; a brother, Ewald Guse; and a sister, Erna Schaffrinski.

Olga also was preceded in death by two brothers, Ludwig Guse and Paul Guse.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

David Alan Mathews

Sept. 22, 1954 – Sept. 10, 2020

David Alan Mathews, 65, of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020.

He was born Sept. 22, 1954, in Jacksonville, Fla., to Giles and Joyce (Wichner) Mathews.

David graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1973. He enjoyed different careers in the carpentry field, but woodworking was his favorite. For many years, he owned a small shop in Naples, Fla., where he did custom cabinetry. He later returned to Michigan to be near family when dad's health declined.

David is survived by his mother, Joyce Mathews; sister, Kelley (Stanley) Krzykwa; and nephews, Matthew Carlee and Alexander Carlee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Giles; brother-in-law, William Carlee; and his beloved dog, Rip.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

To send a message of sympathy to the family, to sign Dave's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, visit www.MichiganCremation.com.

U.K. museum removes shrunken heads from display

LONDON (AP) — Oxford University's Pitt Rivers Museum has removed its famous collection of shrunken heads and other human remains from display as part of a broader effort to "decolonize" its collections.

The museum, known as one of the world's leading institutions for anthropology, ethnography and archaeology, had faced charges of racism and cultural insensitivity because it continued to display the items.

"Our audience research has shown that visitors often saw the museum's displays of human remains as a testament to other cultures being 'savage,' 'primitive' or 'gruesome,'" museum director Laura Van Broekhoven said. "Rather than enabling our visitors to reach a deeper understanding of each other's ways of being, the displays reinforced racist and stereotypical thinking that goes against the museum's values today."

The decision comes at a time when the Black Lives Matter movement has led to a re-examination of the British Empire and the objects carried away from conquered lands. Oxford itself has been the site of such protests, where demonstrators demanded the removal of a statue of Victorian imperialist Cecil Rhodes.

Some of the 130-year-old museum's collection, including the human remains, was acquired during the expansion of the British Empire in line with a colonial mandate to collect and classify objects from all over the world.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Ronnella Monique Booker of Benton Harbor and Lamar Edward Sanders of Mishawaka, Ind.

Samantha Rose Carl Calley of Niles and Tyler Jacob Louis Ford, both of Dowagiac.

Kathryn Anne Collis of St. Joseph and Travis Jay Martin of St. George, Utah.

Kathleen Kelly Creagan and Robert Powers Ligon, both of Chicago.

Karen Melissa Crone and Kevin Alan Grant, both of Lakeside.

Tasha Lynn Demske of Coloma and Edilberto Contreras Pacheco of Sarasota, Fla.

Delaney Grace Dixon of Watervliet and Luis Ricardo Jimenez Gutierrez of Holland, Mich.

Katie Lynn Freeman and Jonathon Dale Hanners, both of Benton Harbor.

Kate Ellen Harmon and Nicolas Glenn Pitzer, both of Woodridge, Ill.

Tara Lynnea Howley and Eric Duane Thompson, both of Coloma.

Kara Lynn Hughes and Stephen Todd Gloeckler, both of Chicago.

Ashley Jean Jefferson and Joshua Wayne Hosford, both of Stevensville.

Skye Ann Marie Karn and Trenton John Demean, both of Clarkston, Wash.

Brieanna Lexus McDonald of Mentone, Ind., and Joshua Wayne Hazard of Claypool, Ind.

Nicole Mathis and Charles Eugene Moore Jr., both of Benton Harbor.

Chelsey Amanda-Rochelle Sobralski of Benton Harbor and Robert James Cole of Morton Grove, Ill.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Oronoko Township Board on Tuesday night got its first look at the new fire truck that will be in service Thursday. The 2,285-gallon pumper truck, which cost $89,000, replaces a 4,000-gallon 1971 truck with a diesel engine. Cost will be shared by the village of Berrien Springs and Oronoko Township. "The smaller truck will be much more efficient and able to turn into driveways better," Fire Chief Bruce Stover said. "It will also get there faster and be safer to drive."

1985 – 35 years ago

Buchanan's smelly skunk invasion is getting "national attention," and the city may be getting the foul end of the deal in the process, according to City Manager Clyde Remmo. Last week, the commission authorized the purchase of five skunk traps, which are being loaned to homeowners. But the city is not killing the animals. Dead or alive, the city will haul the animals away once they have been trapped.

1970 – 50 years ago

A caravan of vehicles powered by liquified-petroleum gas will rally in Benton Harbor tomorrow as part of a statewide demonstration against air pollution from exhaust emissions. About nine cars and trucks are expected at the city boat landing on Riverview Drive at 8 a.m. for the start of a trip to Lansing to demonstrate how LP gas-powered vehicles reduce pollution as compared to cars burning conventional leaded gasoline. Local arrangements are being handled by Don Woodward of Pyrane Gas Service of Benton Harbor and Earl Carlson Cities Service Oil in Hartford.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 15, the 259th day of 2020. There are 107 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On September 15, 1963, four Black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

In 1942, during World War II, the aircraft carrier USS Wasp was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; the U.S. Navy ended up sinking the badly damaged vessel.

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
75°	57°	77° / 58°	69° / 48°	63° / 46°	66° / 49°

Local Outlook

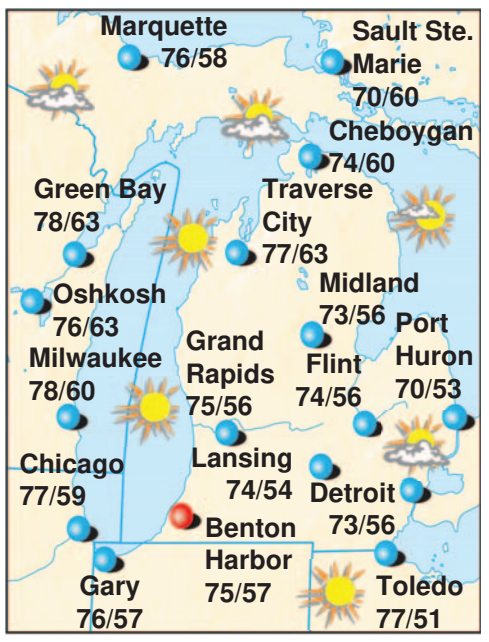
Today we will see sunny skies, high of 75°, humidity of 53%. South wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 57°. South wind 7 to 10 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 77°, humidity of 58%. Southwest wind 7 to 13 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:26 a.m.
Sunset	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise	4:52 a.m.
Moonset	7:24 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
9/17	9/23	10/1	10/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	73°
Low	51°
Normal High	75°
Normal Low	53°
Record High	88° in 2002
Record Low	38° in 2013

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	1.63"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	27.17"

Air Quality

Yesterday	34
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

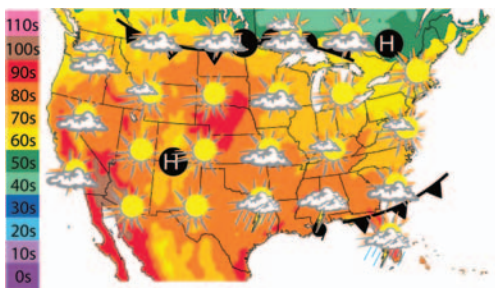
Weather Trivia

How far can dust storms travel?

Answer: They have been known to travel across entire oceans.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 15, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 11 to 13 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, S wind 8 to 11 kt. Clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. South southwest wind 10 to 23 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 60s and 70s. West southwest wind 11 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 70s. South wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 70s and 80s. Southwest wind 7 to 13 mph.

MURAL

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mural, before the Aug. 10 City Commission meeting, and another 54 since then, as of last Friday.

Those in favor said a Black Lives Matter mural in St. Joseph would send a message to Benton Harbor residents that they are welcome to visit and attend school in St. Joseph. Those against said they fear it could encourage violence, be a traffic safety issue, and set a dangerous precedent for allowing all types of messages to be painted on city streets.

At Monday's meeting, 21 citizen attendees spoke in favor of the street mural while three spoke against it.

Their comments came after an early motion by Commissioner Jeff Richards to deny the request for a Black Lives Matter street mural on Stadium Drive in front of St. Joseph High School. Mayor Mike Garey seconded the motion, but withdrew his second after hearing from the meeting attendees and other commissioners, and the motion then died for lack of support.

Before making his motion, Richards said, "I am very concerned as a city official from the standpoint of liability and legal matters."

Garey said that as city officials, commissioners are duty-bound to consider rules, regulations and responsibility, and that allowing a street painting could result in First Amendment issues, ordinance issues and "years of distraction" from the social justice efforts now underway in the city.

Many of the callers taking part in the meeting by Zoom were St. Joseph High School students who had worked on the petition in favor of the mural, and many were tearful.

"I can't describe how disappointed I am. I'm about to cry," said Leyla Dumke.

Caitlin Sullivan, another student, said, "If you truly believe that Black lives matter, you would not be afraid to upset a few people."

Many adults piped in, too.

Jim Bartley, a retired Whirlpool executive, urged commissioners to approve the mural.

"These kids don't have the blinders we have. If we don't approve this, we're telling them the way they feel is wrong," he said.

Kim Jorgensen Gane said she agrees with the students.

"This would be a very small step, but a very needed one. Painting a Black Lives Matter mural in front of our high school is the least we can do."

Rose Sawyer, a former resident who said she grew up in St. Joseph, called the commission's decision "cowardly."

"Your reasons are not sufficient, and I'm deeply disappointed," she said.

Dr. Sherry O'Donnell has a clinic in St. Joseph and has been instrumental in organizing two unity services at the band shell in St. Joseph. She spoke against the street mural.

"Black Lives Matter is very divisive," she said. "Look at what happened on the pier (referring to vandalism over the weekend on the South Pier in St. Joseph). None of my patients, Black or white, support this mural. We can find other ways that are non-divisive."

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the area at about 11 p.m. Friday and the damage was not there at that time.

"So it was sometime between 11 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday," Neubecker said.

The city is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the piers, to determine how and when clean-up will happen and, "We hope it will be soon."

Anyone with information about the vandalism is asked to call St. Joseph police at 985-0300, or Crime Stoppers, 800-342-STOP.

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The South Pier was defaced with offensive messages over the weekend in St. Joseph. Don Campbell / HP staff

LAKESHORE

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Lakeshore Virtual Academy

Freeman also reported that there were a few "bumps in the road" during the first two weeks of school, including that 30 percent of elementary students are enrolled in the Lakeshore Virtual Academy, as opposed to the anticipated 15-20 percent of students.

Before the meeting, he said that 2,045 students are attending Lakeshore schools in person, while 761 are attending the virtual academy, putting the district's unofficial student count at 2,806. Of the virtual students, he said 88 are from Bridgman Public Schools under a temporary agreement with that school district.

He said that the school district would likely have lost 673 Lakeshore students if it wasn't offering the virtual academy. The district's student count in 2019 was 2,788.

New middle school principal

During the meeting, Assistant Superintendent Julie Powell introduced the new principal of Lakeshore Middle School – Susan Toothman.

Toothman has a son in eighth grade who attends Lakeshore schools. Her husband, Aaron Toothman, is a physical education teacher at Roosevelt Elementary.

Powell said that Susan Toothman was the director of curriculum and instruction at Watervliet Public Schools for the past five years. She has also taught English for 14 years and was an interim principal for a year.

Trustees also heard from the school district's auditors, who gave the district a clean report for the school year ending this past June 30.

Freeman said that thanks to the hard work of chief financial officer, Tracy Althouse, the district is better prepared to face the budget uncertainties of the current school year. Because of the pandemic, state revenue is expected to be down, meaning that the amount of money school districts receive per student from the state will also be down.

But the state hasn't told school districts how much money they will receive per pupil this school year.

The auditors reported that the school district's general fund equity was 13.7 percent of the district's annual expenditures at the end of the 2019-20 budget year. They projected that if the district has to use general fund money to make up for lost state money, the general fund equity could drop to less than 8 percent by June 30, 2021.

Freeman has previously said that the state considers a school district to be financially distressed if its general fund drops below 5 percent of its annual expenditures.

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representation and advocacy, and sometimes communications. In Malawi, I was manager for advocacy and communications. I was based in Lilongwe, which is the national capital of Malawi.

Who determines where you go?

There's a process. There will be different posts, for different positions and it's a matching process, basically. You have a career manager and you work with the different operating centers to decide where the best fit is based on your skills and the needs.

When did you come back here from Malawi?

I came back during COVID, at the very end of March. I continued working from here. We had a choice. I could have stayed, but all the airports were closing and we weren't sure what was happening. It was a worrisome time, and we didn't know how long we might be stuck there. My mission was ending in a few months, so I thought I would be able to finish up from here.

What was it like there?

Malawi is very safe, fairly stable, with very low rates of crime. This year it was interesting because the election from May was invalidated by the court, so there were protests and things, so yeah, some did escalate into more like vandalism, but not a lot of serious violence. And this is a very rare year. In general things are quite peaceful.

Did you get lonely? Is it hard to do this kind of work so far from home?

I'm kind of used to it. I've lived in Africa most of the time since 2014. Of course, it's hard to be far from family and friends, but you meet new friends and work keeps you pretty busy. I spend a lot of time in the field, getting to know our projects. It's important to understand the projects, understand the needs, and to communicate with our patients.

What will you be doing on this next mission?

In Kinshasa, I'll be doing the same role, that of advocacy manager. I won't know all the details until I get there and get started. This mission is for one year.

Have you seen challenges related to COVID in these areas?

Yes, definitely. The health system in Malawi definitely has some weaknesses and challenges. In the beginning, we saw challenges getting PPE into the country, and other medical supplies like ventilators, and also access to existing services. There were challenges ensuring all the commodities, medicines and other tools were available for things such as HIV, TB, sexual reproductive health services. One of the biggest challenges is making sure people have accurate information. I don't think it's unique to Malawi, or to Southern Africa. I think in the U.S. we face some of the same challenges, as well, making sure people have accurate information so people can protect themselves and so they understand why they need to social distance, why they need to wash their hands. Decision-making around any response is only as effective as the decision-makers. So you have a lot going on, a lot of confusion, a lot of countries trying to make the best decisions they can without all the information they would like to have.

Your next mission, is it a safe area?

Quite safe. The east of the country is where there's more conflict. This is the extreme west, at the border.

What else would you like to add?

MSF is a medical humanitarian organization. We're focused on providing care to those neglected and vulnerable populations, and to those in need. Also very important is our impartiality and neutrality. For example, we don't take sides in conflicts. We provide care to everyone based on medical principles, but that does not mean we remain silent.

A strong part of MSF is temoignage, a French word which means to bear witness to what we see. We should talk about and describe what we see to our beneficiaries and when necessary to speak out. For example, a big focus of one of our projects in Malawi was advanced, late stage HIV. Mortality is plateauing, it's not reducing any more. This is concerning because the world thinks that AIDS is over, when in fact we're seeing some concerning trends in the region.

Our project is about trying to make sure people are referred to the services they need, ensure early detection, and also have that high level of care to stabilize them and prevent them from dying when they do need to go to the hospital. What we see in remote Malawi is people coming in very sick, very thin, it's called wasting. Maybe they had challenges or they don't know their status. So there's a need to make sure these models of care are there for those in specific populations.

We work with prisoners, we work with female sex workers and others that are at high risk. They need a model of care that provides HIV and reproductive health care in a friendly manner, without stigma. Our model provides a one-stop package where they can get the services they need. And there's a community component where the peer sex workers reach out to give them information, bring them commodities and, where needed, to refer them to services.

What do you like best about the work you're doing?

I like understanding different places and people. Living in a place and really being on the ground and working closely with our patients, you really get to understand countries and people from different cultures. And to be able to do something that's helping those most in need is, I think, quite important.

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hp SPORTS

Big goals for Bears

St. Joseph soccer returns experienced team, including top 3 goal scorers

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Seth Walters passes while under pressure from Lakeshore's Landon Koppenhoefer during the first half of a game at St. Joseph on Sept. 14, 2019. Walters and Koppenhoefer both return for their teams this season.

The St. Joseph boys soccer team is expecting big things this fall, returning a majority of its key players from a season ago.

Of the 20 players listed on the Bears' roster, 12 have at least two seasons of varsity experience, with nine earning three varsity letters.

"We return our top three goal scorers from last year and have a lot of returners with multiple years of starting for our own program," said coach John Brown. "We lost a couple key players from last year's team, but we're looking for newcomers to step up and take over."

As the Bears look for those new players to step up, they'll lean heavily on experience to pave the way.

Junior Jacob Scouler, who led the Bears in goals scored last season with 21, returns in the forward position. Scouler was a second team all-state player a season ago.

Seth Walters, also a junior, will start at midfield. Last season he scored seven goals while adding nine assists, and was selected as an all-state honorable mention player.

Senior Jack Pender also returns as a forward. His 14 goals and nine assists last season helped him earn a spot on the all-conference team.

Preston Nichols returns for the Bears in net.

St. Joseph finished 16-6-1 last season before falling in the district finals to Mattawan, an eventual final four team.

Brown expects Mattawan to again be tough, with Gull Lake, Portage Northern and Lakeshore as other possible contenders in the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference.

"We're going to focus on getting better every day and compete for a championship," he said.

Lakeshore looks to be competitive in a tough SMAC behind a balanced group of players.

"We need to jell as a team and continue to play as a team," said coach Brian Samuel. "We really don't have any individual superstars like some of the other teams in the area, so it's going to be critical that we play together."

The Lancers, who finished 10-9-1 last season and fell in the district semifinals, are off to an 0-2 start after losses to Portage Central and Gull Lake.

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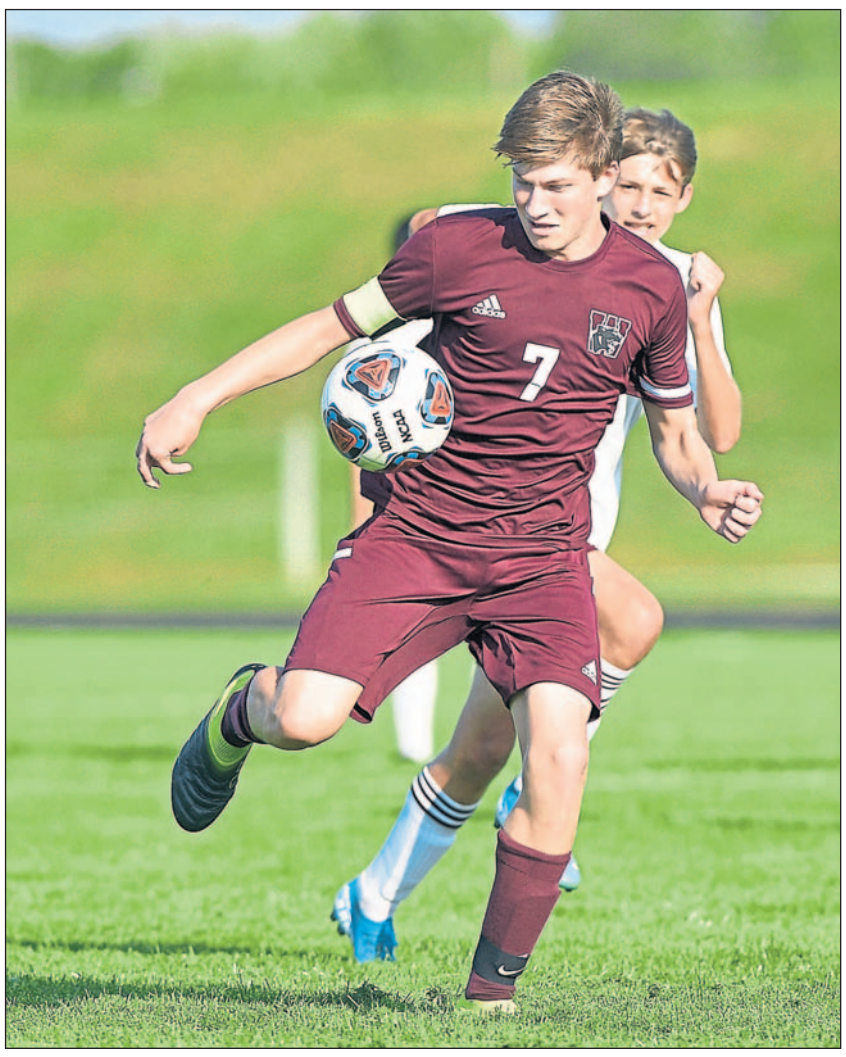

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Watervliet's Brady Bornas sprints past Buchanan's Brian Proud during the first half of a game at Watervliet last season. Bornas returns for the Panthers, who are entering their second season as a program.

"We actually have to make sure it doesn't creep in. Sometimes maybe you hear it too much from the outside world, then you start to think, 'Is that the case?' But it's not the case for us inside."

MATT PATRICIA
Detroit Lions coach

Fourth-quarter woes costly for Lions

17-point, 4th-quarter collapse vs. Bears latest in trend

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Matt Patricia's tenure in Detroit has been marked by fourth-quarter collapses.

The Lions lost a 17-point, fourth-quarter lead in a 27-23 season-opening setback against Chicago at Ford Field, where fans likely would have booed the home team if the pandemic didn't keep them away.

Patricia's problems in the final quarter have contributed to his 9-23-1 record as a first-time NFL head coach. And if Patricia can't figure out how to help Detroit get and hold leads, his third season with the franchise will probably be his last.

Lions ownership retained general manager Bob Quinn and Patricia for this season, but their jobs are in jeopardy if the team does not at least contend for a spot in the playoffs.

The Lions lost seven of 12 games last year after blowing leads in the fourth, making it logical for some of them to think this season is starting to look a lot like the last one.

"We actually have to make sure it doesn't creep in," Patricia said Monday. "Sometimes maybe you hear it too much from the outside world, then you start to think, 'Is that the case?" But it's not the case for us inside.

"So right now for us, we have to make sure we understand it was Week 1 and we got to improve Week 2."

It won't be easy for Detroit to bounce back Sunday because it plays the Green Bay Packers on the road after they opened the season with a 43-34 win over Minnesota.

"We've seen that we have a lot of potential and talent, but we just have to finish games," offensive tackle Taylor Decker said.

Even though the Lions struggled in the fourth quarter – again – Patricia spent time talking to players the day after about missed opportunities earlier in the game.

"We focused on a lot of the plays that happened in the first three quarters," he said.

Much was made of running back D'Andre Swift dropping a pass in the end zone with 6 seconds left, but his

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Duane Burleson / AP

Chicago Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky (10) hands off to running back David Montgomery in the second half of Sunday's game.

Cubs' Mills: From walk-on to no-hitter

By RICH ROVITO
Associated Press

Morry Gash / AP

Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Alec Mills is swarmed by teammates after throwing a no hitter at a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

MILWAUKEE — From college walk-on to major league starter, Chicago Cubs right-hander Alec Mills had to earn most every break he got.

On the brink of big league history, he was happy to welcome this bit of luck: expecting to see two-time batting champion Christian Yelich in the on-deck circle, Mills looked over and saw his backup instead.

"That kind of surprised me," he said.

This one surprised just about everyone. Mills cruised through baseball's second no-hitter this season in just the 15th start of his career, completing the gem in a 12-0 romp over the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday.

Mills got Jace Peterson – who replaced Yelich, the 2018 NL MVP, on defense late in the blowout – to hit a routine grounder to shortstop Javier Baez with two outs in the ninth. Baez completed the play, and the Cubs swarmed around Mills, tearing off his cap and pulling at the smiling right-hander's uniform after his first career complete game.

"It just hasn't really hit me yet," the 28-year-old said. "It's kind of crazy, I didn't even know how to celebrate. Just something that all came together today. Obviously a memory I'll have forever."

Mills (5-3) threw 114 pitches and hardly had any close calls in Chicago's 16th no-hitter. Avisail Garcia almost got to him twice, hitting a line drive to right in the first and nearly legging out an infield hit to shortstop in the sixth. Garcia crossed first and immediately called to the Brewers dugout for a review, but after a very brief stoppage, the Brewers opted not to challenge.

Mills would have faced Garcia again in the ninth, but Milwaukee manager Craig Counsell pulled the 2017 All-Star along with Yelich in the eighth with his team trailing big. Mills struck out Garcia's replacement, Tyrone Taylor, for the second out in the ninth.

"Taylor hitting there and then Peterson, I had no idea they were in the game," Mills said.

Mills struck out five and walked three. His five strikeouts are the fewest in a Cubs no-hitter since Ken Holtzman in 1969. He only induced five swings and misses, tied with Oakland's Dallas Braden during his perfect game in 2010 for fewest in a no-hitter since at least 1988, per Stats Inc.

"I can promise you it was not a slow heartbeat," Mills said. "I had to kind of take a seat and calm myself down. It was tough. I had to take a lot of deep breaths and get into a good mindset."

Chicago White Sox ace Lucas Giolito threw baseball's other no-hitter this season against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Aug. 15.

Mills was a 22nd-round draft pick by Kansas City in 2012 and had Tommy John surgery in 2013. He had started just six major league games prior to this season but cracked Chicago's rotation because of an injury to Jose Quintana.

He went 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in his first two starts, struggled in his next five but pitched solidly Tuesday against the Reds with six shutout innings. The no-hitter dropped his ERA to 3.93.

Not bad for a player who didn't get a college scholarship. Mills was a walk-on at Tennessee-Martin.

"Never give up," Mills said. "You know, some people are going to tell you you can't do it or you're not good enough. That's just one person. So just keep working. Just persevere."

Mills completed the Cubs' first no-hitter since Jake Arrieta did it twice in eight months: at the Los Angeles Dodgers on Aug. 30, 2015, and at Cincinnati on April 21, 2016.

Milwaukee had not been held hitless since Detroit's Justin Verlander pitched the first of his three no-hitters on June 12, 2007.

Bears know they have work to do after rallying in opener

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — One more rough quarter, one less dropped pass and the Chicago Bears would be in a far different place.

The Bears performed a major escape in the season opener, rallying from 17 down in the fourth quarter behind Mitchell Trubisky's three touchdown passes and hanging on for a 27-23 victory at Detroit.

They'll take the win – their first in an opener since 2013, when they beat Cincinnati on the way to a 3-0 start. And they'll try to build on it when they host the New York Giants on Sunday.

"Our guys stuck together and turned it up when we had to," coach Matt Nagy said Monday. "The problem is we can't get in that situation early on. You can't dig that hole. We all collectively start looking at the tape and you say, 'OK, where are we at? What are the issues?'"

The Bears got their run game going, a positive sign for a team that too often ignored it last season. Trubisky completed 20 of 36 passes for 242 yards. He was terrific down the stretch, going 8 of 10 for 89 yards with three TDs and a 143.3 rating after misfiring for three quarters. And the calls for Super Bowl 52 MVP Nick Foles probably would be ramping up around Chicago if not for the strong finish.

The performance by the defense was a mixed bag at best.

The Bears stopped Matthew Stafford and the Lions early on and got picked apart

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SOCCER

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Samuel said the team is glad to be back and playing matches after a delayed start due restrictions caused by COVID-19.

"We've been able to train full contact," he said. "It gets a little monotonous not having a game to build on, but the kids have been positive. We're doing the tents and social distancing when we can. We've been intersquad scrimmaging, and I felt like the guys were ready for the game (on Sept. 8 vs. Portage Central)."

"We're just excited that the kids get to get back on the field and play."

Samuel will turn to the senior leadership of Carter Smith and Lars Samuel at midfield. He said he also expects sophomore Trevor Olson to contribute there as well.

"(Olson) is going to give us a ton of time out there, and he'll be a big ball-winner for us," said Samuel.

Landon Koppenhoefer, a sophomore, will play up front at center forward, with seniors Dylan VanderVeen and Nathan Marohn starting out wide.

"We have some seniors who are looking to be an integral part of what we're doing," said Samuel. "We have a good mix of talent at all levels."

The Lancers hope to also get production out of senior forward Mikey Tibbits, as soon as he returns from rehabbing an injured ACL.

"If he can come back healthy, that'll give us a boost hopefully around district time," Samuel said.

Defensively the Lancers will be led by juniors Justin Hafling, a left back, and Bryce Benedict, a center back.

Noah Deitrich, a junior, returns for the Lancers in the net.

Samuel named St. Joseph, Mattawan and Gull Lake as teams to look out for in the conference.

"We're going to compete hard and hopefully surprise a couple teams," he said. "It's a tough conference."

Watervliet, now in its second season as a program, returns many key players from its inaugural season last fall.

The Panthers were 7-7-1 last season, and will look to build upon that with a potent offense.

"We have a strong team who should be able to score a lot," said coach Doug Bornas. "If our defense progresses, we feel we can compete for a top spot in the conference."

Leading scorer Nathan Isbrecht, a junior striker, returns for the Panthers. He scored 27 goals while adding nine assists a season ago en route to an all-district selection.

Brennan Bornas, also an all-district junior striker, returns after scoring 17 goals and adding 17 assists.

Brady Bornas is a sophomore midfielder. He netted nine goals, but had a team-leading 19 assists last fall.

Coach Bornas will look to junior Andrew Chisek to anchor the defense. Chisek also was an all-district player last season.

"We don't have much experience on defense, and we are young," Bornas said. "But we should hopefully develop quickly."

Zachery Hastings, a sophomore, will start in net. He had 68 saves last season.

The Panthers opened the season with a 10-2 win over Parchment on Sept.9, then followed that up with a 5-1 victory over Bridgman on the 12th.

Coloma hopes to improve upon a 5-13 campaign last season under new coach Joe Schmidt.

Schmidt noted he was glad to finally have the season started, but was a bit disappointed in some of the communication received from the MHSAA regarding a safe restart in the era of COVID.

"Not knowing whether or not we would have a season impacted how hard coaches could push the teams, because we didn't know if we would have anything to play for," Schmidt said. "The last thing a coach wants is to push too hard, have the players hate practice, and then find out that there is not a season. The delay made it difficult, because the players got tired of practicing against each other and wanted competition."

Now that the season is in full effect, the Comets are off to a 1-1 start after a 4-3, come-from-behind victory over Schoolcraft and a 1-0 loss to Three Rivers last week.

The Comets trailed 2-1 at halftime to Schoolcraft, but late goals by Lucian Whitaker and Cannon Hodges helped Coloma over the hump.

Schmidt said Hodges, a midfielder, as well as Luke Phillips (midfield) and Tyler Russell (forward) should be key offensively.

Seth McQuillan will lead the defense, with Wes Seabury seeing a majority of his time in net.

"There's a lot of skill to be excited about," Schmidt said. "The team is dedicated to improve upon the last season."

The Comets have just one senior on the roster, but do feature 12 juniors.

Schmidt said a goal for the team is to finish with a winning record, compete in the top half of the conference and advance in the district tournament.

Hartford will feature a younger roster than normal, with just one senior and two juniors starting.

"We will start one senior in Danny Gutierrez and two juniors in goalie Kaiden Johnson and center back Aaron Robles," coach Nick Blackmer said. "The rest will be underclassmen. We have a good balance of youth and experience, but our leaders will have to step up in helping with the development of the younger members of the team."

Last fall, Hartford finished 16-6 and won a district title before falling to Dansville in the regional semifinals.

The Indians already have wins this season over Comstock, Cassopolis and Fennville (shootout), with a shootout loss to South Haven to start the season at 3-1.

Blackmer said the added uncertainty of COVID-19 hasn't much hindered the Indians and their goals for the year.

"Our team goals remain the same every year. Win one game at a time and keep on improving," Blackmer said. "Kids are still kids. Soccer is still soccer. The kids just want to play.

"Is the situation ideal? No, but we need to remember our spring athletes that would have done anything to play with a mask."

Michigan Lutheran ended the 2019 campaign an even 10-10. Coach Paul Jackemeyer hopes to improve upon that and have a shot to compete for a district title.

Lutheran's roster is senior-heavy, with 13 of the 21 players listed as seniors. Eight of the 11 starters last season return.

Jackemeyer listed Alex Ritter and Joel Roth as key players. Ritter, a forward, and Roth, a midfielder, will each provide some senior leadership for the Titans.

The biggest challenge for Lutheran will be replacing an experienced keeper, said Jackemeyer. Sophomore Sam Daley will do a majority of the goalkeeping for the Titans.

Daley allowed just two goals in a 2-1 season-opening loss to Howardsville Christian on Sept. 10. The Titans tied New Buffalo 1-1 two days later.

LIONS

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coach and teammates are trying to downplay it while rallying around the rookie.

"To think that we didn't win the game because of his play is total inaccurate," Patricia said.

The Lions hurt their chances earlier in the game with mental mistakes such as linebacker Jamie Collins getting ejected for making contact with an official.

There were also physical miscues, including Matthew Stafford's ill-advised pass in traffic that was deflected and picked off in the fourth.

Questionable coaching decisions are up for debate as well such as Patricia choosing to attempt a 55-yard field goal instead of pinning the Bears deep in their territory with a punt late in the game.

"I'm going to pick apart what we did as a staff and see what are the areas maybe we can do different," Patricia said. "Certainly, there's plays in the game that you want to have back, whether you're a play-caller or from my standpoint as game management."

What's working

The Adrian Peterson-led running game accounted for 138 yards rushing, averaging 4.8 yards a carry. That was the most the team gained on the ground in Week 1 since 1999.

What needs help

Detroit ranked last in the league last year against the pass and its secondary is banged up. The Lions allowed Mitchell Trubisky to throw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter.

Stock up

Peterson, clearly, is not washed up. He had 14 rushes for 93 yards and three catches for 21 yards in his Detroit debut, just four days after his first practice with the team.

Stock down

Linebacker Jamie Collins got off to a rough start with his new team. He was ejected for making contact with an official while trying to demonstrate how opponents were lowering their helmet into his chest.

"Whether it's an honest mistake or not, you just can't do that and that's the bottom line," Patricia said. "Jamie, he understands that."

Injuries

Rookie cornerback Jeff Okudah, the No. 3 pick overall, didn't play the Bears because of a hamstring injury. Veteran cornerbacks Justin Coleman and Desmond Trufant left the opener because of hamstring injuries, an ailment that also put standout receiver Kenny Golladay on the inactive list in Week 1.

Key number

11 – Patricia's teams have lost games after leading in the fourth 11 times in his two-plus seasons.

Next steps

The Lions will look to sign some defensive backs to their practice squad, giving them options if any or all of their banged-up players in the secondary can't play at Green Bay.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday's results

BRIDGMAN INV.

Team records – Bridgman 3-0, Michigan Lutheran 2-1, Hartford 1-2, Eau Claire 0-3.
Match scores – Bridgman d. Michigan Lutheran 25-20, 25-21; Bridgman d. Hartford 25-9, 25-9; Bridgman d. Eau Claire 25-8, 25-8; Michigan Lutheran d. Eau Claire 25-4, 25-5; Michigan Lutheran d. Hartford 25-12, 25-14; Hartford d. Eau Claire 25-12, 25-11.
Bridgman – Payton Oman 17 aces, 10 kills, 19 digs; Haylee Kanous 9 aces, 10 kills, 27 assists, 16 digs; Takiya Cornelius 12 kills, 7 blocks, 1 dig; Bella Gearheardt 6 aces, 4 kills, 13 digs; Ava Ward 3 aces, 9 assists, 11 digs; Javin Graves 2 aces, 2 kills, 2 blocks; Autumn Brown 2 aces, 19 digs; Ellie Stein 3 kills, 1 dig; Kelcy Keller 4 digs.
Michigan Lutheran – Hailey Conrad 4 kills, 12 digs, 18 assists; Sophee Garcia 3 kills, 4 digs, 10 assists; Brooke Gerlach 7 kills, 10 digs, 6 aces; Abigail Marquis 8 kills, 5 blocks, 5 aces; Jenna Koehler 3 kills, 33 digs, 11 aces; Andrea Hisle 2 kills, 4 digs; Natalie Ritter 5 kills, 3 digs; Kaylee Schebel 3 kills, 6 blocks; Kennedy Stillson 3 digs, 3 aces; Jules Koehler 6 digs, 2 aces; Reese Maas 6 digs, 4 aces.
Hartford – K. McCoy 8 kills, 1 block; A. Snodgrass 5 kills, 5 aces, 1 block; K. Burfield 4 kills; A. Birmele 3 assists; M. Pultz 7 assists, 4 aces; K. Manning 4 assists; M. Requenes 4 aces; M. Solis 14 digs; V. Delarosa 18 digs; A. Jordan 13 digs.
Eau Claire – Alisha Tokarz 3 aces, 2 kills, 1 dig; Julia Kurland 1 ace, 2 kills, 6 digs; Kayla Ferry 3 aces, 9 assists, 3 digs; Emilee Demski 1 ace, 3 assists, 8 kills, 4 digs.

NEW BUFFALO INV.

Match scores – New Buffalo d. Cassopolis 26-24, 25-15; New Buffalo d. White Pigeon 25-18, 25-20; New Buffalo d. Brandywine 14-25, 25-23, 15-13.
New Buffalo – Sophia DeOliveira 26 kills, 6 aces, 38 digs; Kelsey Corkran 8 aces, 49 assists; Emma Lantz 5 aces, 13 kills.

BOYS SOCCER

Saturday's results

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 1, NEW BUFFALO 1

Goals – ML: Christian Kisukulu.
Assists – ML: Joel Roth.
Saves – Adam Rosenbaum (ML) 7.

South Haven Shoreline Shootout

SOUTH HAVEN 1, HARTFORD 1

(South Haven wins 6-5 in shootout)
Goals – Hartford: Caiden Smith.
Assists – Hartford: Alan Gonzalez.

HARTFORD 2, FENNVILLE 2

(Hartford wins 6-5 in shootout)
Goals – Hartford: Alan Gonzalez 2.
Assists – Hartford: Kevin Parra.
Records – Hartford 3-1.

VOLLEYBALL

BUCHANAN D. LAKESHORE
25-22, 25-10, 18-25, 25-13

Buchanan – Josie West 15 kills, 2 aces; Faith Carson 5 kills, 2 blocks; Kylie Boller 4 kills, 1 block; Katie Schau 3 digs; Hailey Jonazke 2 digs; Claire Shelton 29 assists; Kaylin Rogers 2 aces.
Record – Buchanan 2-0.

GIRLS GOLF

SMAC WEST JAMBOREE

at The Moors, Portage

Team scores – 1. St. Joseph 177, 2. Mattawan 185, 3. Portage Northern 193, 4. Lakeshore 227, 5. Portage Central 234.
Medalist – Maya Hunter (SJ) 39.
St. Joseph – Maya Hunter 39, Izzy Ugalde 42, Morgan Guzzo 48, Bailey Kulich 48.
Lakeshore – Bella Parker 48, Claire Gourlay 51, Armella Heppler 63, Lydia Bixby 65.

SCOREBOARD

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	30	17	.638	—
Toronto	26	20	.565	3½
New York	26	21	.553	4
Baltimore	22	26	.458	8½
Boston	17	31	.354	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	16	.652	—
Minnesota	30	18	.625	1
Cleveland	26	21	.553	4½
Detroit	20	26	.435	10
Kansas City	20	28	.417	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	30	18	.625	—
Houston	23	24	.489	6½
Seattle	22	26	.458	8
Los Angeles	20	28	.417	10
Texas	17	30	.362	12½

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 1
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 11, Pittsburgh 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 2
Texas 6, Oakland 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 5
L.A. Angels 5, Colorado 3
Toronto 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Seattle 7, Arizona 3
L.A. Dodgers 8, Houston 1

Monday's Games
Seattle 6, Oakland 5, 7 innings, 1st game
Baltimore 14, Atlanta 1
Oakland 9, Seattle 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox

Tuesday's Games
Boston (Houck 0-0) at Miami (Alcantara 2-1), 6:40 p.m.
Washington (Sánchez 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Curtiss 3-0), 6:40 p.m.
Toronto (Walker 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (García 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 3-3) at Detroit (Boyd 1-6), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (TBD) at Baltimore (TBD), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Dobnak 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Dunning 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Cody 0-1) at Houston (Urquidy 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Darvish 7-2), 8:15 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 4-2) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Bumgarner 0-4) at L.A. Angels (Teheran 0-3), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (TBD) at Seattle (Newsome 0-0), 9:40 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	21	.571	—
Miami	24	21	.533	2
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	3½
New York	21	26	.447	6
Washington	17	28	.378	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	20	.583	—
St. Louis	20	21	.488	4½
Cincinnati	23	26	.469	5½
Milwaukee	21	24	.467	5½
Pittsburgh	14	32	.304	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	33	14	.702	—
San Diego	31	17	.646	2½
San Francisco	23	24	.489	10
Colorado	21	25	.457	11½
Arizona	17	31	.354	16½

Sunday's Games
Miami 2, Philadelphia 1, 7 innings, 1st game
Atlanta 8, Washington 4
Chicago Cubs 12, Milwaukee 0
Kansas City 11, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 10, St. Louis 5
L.A. Angels 5, Colorado 3
Miami 8, Philadelphia 1, 7 innings, 2nd game
San Diego 6, San Francisco 0, 7 innings, 1st game
Toronto 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Seattle 7, Arizona 3
San Diego 3, San Francisco 1, 7 innings, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 8, Houston 1

Monday's Games
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1, 7 innings, 1st game
Miami 6, Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1, 8 innings, 1st game
Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 4, 7 innings, 2nd game
Baltimore 14, Atlanta 1
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

Tuesday's Games
Boston (Houck 0-0) at Miami (Alcantara 2-1), 6:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 0-4) at Cincinnati (Lorenzen 1-1), 6:40 p.m.
Washington (Sánchez 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Curtiss 3-0), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Porcello 1-4) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (TBD) at Baltimore (TBD), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 3-1) at Milwaukee (Anderson 2-3), 7:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Darvish 7-2), 8:15 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 4-2) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 0-1) at San Diego (Davies 7-2), 9:10 p.m.
Arizona (Bumgarner 0-4) at L.A. Angels (Teheran 0-3), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (TBD) at Seattle (Newsome 0-0), 9:40 p.m.

NFL

Thursday's Game
Kansas City 34, Houston 20

Sunday's Games
Green Bay 43, Minnesota 34
Jacksonville 27, Indianapolis 20
Las Vegas 34, Carolina 30
Buffalo 27, N.Y. Jets 17
Seattle 38, Atlanta 25
Washington 27, Phila. 17
New England 21, Miami 11
Baltimore 38, Cleveland 6
Chicago 27, Detroit 23
L.A. Chargers 16, Cincinnati 13
Arizona 24, San Francisco 20
New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 23
L.A. Rams 20, Dallas 17

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants
Tennessee at Denver

Thursday, Sept. 17
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Phila., 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Denver at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Houston, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21
New Orleans at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

CHICAGO 27, DETROIT 23

Chicago	**3**	**3**	**0**	**21**	**— 27**
Detroit	**3**	**10**	**10**	**0**	**— 23**

First Quarter
Det—FG Prater 27, 6:30.
Chi—FG Santos 35, 1:30.

Second Quarter
Det—FG Prater 32, 5:33.
Chi—FG Santos 28, 2:02.
Det—Swift 1 run (Prater kick), :19.

Third Quarter
Det—Hockenson 4 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 10:37.
Det—FG Prater 44, 3:19.

Fourth Quarter
Chi—Graham 2 pass from Trubisky (Santos kick), 13:39.
Chi—Wims 1 pass from Trubisky (Santos kick), 2:58.
Chi—Miller 27 pass from Trubisky (Santos kick), 1:54.
A—0.

	Chi	Det
First downs	26	25
Total Net Yards	363	426
Rushes-yards	28-149	29-138
Passing	242	297
Punt Returns	1-0	1-16
Kickoff Returns	3-110	2-66
Interceptions Ret.	1-5	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-36-0	24-42-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-28	1-9
Punts	5-42.6	4-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-48	8-77
Time of Possession	29:05	30:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing–Chicago, Montgomery 13-64, Cohen 7-41, Trubisky 3-26, Patterson 4-19, Robinson 1-(minus 1). Detroit, Peterson 14-93, Stafford 5-23, K.Johnson 7-14, Swift 3-8.
Passing–Chicago, Trubisky 20-36-0-242. Detroit, Stafford 24-42-1-297.
Receiving–Chicago, Robinson 5-74, Miller 4-76, Mooney 3-38, Graham 3-25, Cohen 2-6, Patterson 1-12, Montgomery 1-10, Wims 1-1. Detroit, Amendola 5-81, Hockenson 5-56, M.Jones 4-55, Cephus 3-43, Peterson 3-21, Swift 3-15, Hall 1-26.
Missed Field Goals–Detroit, Prater 55.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP top 25 poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Clemson (60)	1-0	1524	1
2. Alabama	0-0	1456	3
3. Oklahoma	1-0	1361	4
4. Georgia	0-0	1324	5
5. Florida	0-0	1237	8
6. LSU (1)	0-0	1236	6
7. Notre Dame	1-0	1155	10
8. Auburn	0-0	1055	11
9. Texas	1-0	1033	14
10. Texas A&M	0-0	983	13
11. Oklahoma St.	0-0	927	15
12. North Carolina	1-0	892	18
13. Cincinnati	0-0	647	20
14. UCF	0-0	632	21
15. Tennessee	0-0	528	24
16. Memphis	1-0	496	-
17. Miami	1-0	463	-
18. Louisville	1-0	387	-
19. Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0	377	-
20. Virginia Tech	0-0	368	-
21. BYU	1-0	358	-
22. Army	2-0	244	-
23. Kentucky	0-0	238	-
23. Appalachian St.	1-0	238	-
25. Pittsburgh	1-0	158	-

Others receiving votes: Baylor 146, West Virginia 81, Georgia Tech 69, TCU 49, Virginia 39, Arkansas St. 34, SMU 32, Mississippi St. 14, Iowa St. 14, South Florida 6, Mississippi 5, Texas Tech 5, UAB 4, Missouri 3, Air Force 2, Florida St. 2, Marshall 2, Houston 1.

NBA

All games in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
x - if necessary

Wednesday, Sept. 9
Toronto 125, Boston 122, 2OT
L.A. Clippers 96, Denver 85

Thursday, Sept. 10
L.A. Lakers 110, Houston 100

Friday, Sept. 11
Denver 111, L.A. Clippers 105
Boston 92, Toronto 87, Boston wins series 4-3

Saturday, Sept. 12
L.A. Lakers 119, Houston 96, Lakers win series 4-1

Sunday, Sept. 13
Denver 111, L.A. Clippers 98, series tied 3-3

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Miami vs. Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Denver vs. L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17
Miami vs. Boston, TBD

Saturday, Sept. 19
Boston vs. Miami, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)

Sunday, September 6
Dallas 1, Vegas 0

Monday, September 7
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Islanders 2

Tuesday, September 8
Vegas 3, Dallas 0

Wednesday, September 9
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Thursday, September 10
Dallas 3, Vegas 2, OT

Friday, September 11
N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 3

Saturday, September 12
Dallas 2, Vegas 1, Dallas leads series 3 – 1

Sunday, September 13
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 1, Tampa Bay leads series 3 – 1

Monday, September 14
Dallas at Vegas

Tuesday, September 15
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16
x-Vegas at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 17
x-Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.

Friday, September 18
x-Dallas at Vegas, 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 19
x-N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Horsfield latest to withdraw from U.S. Open with positive test

MAMARONECK, N.Y. (AP) — Sam Horsfield became the second player in two days to test positive for the coronavirus without any symptoms, knocking him out of the U.S. Open on Monday after he had traveled from England.

Horsfield, who won twice during the European Tour's "U.K. Swing" to earn one of 10 spots in the U.S. Open, tested negative in a pre-arrival test taken last week.

Upon arrival in New York, his nasal swab test was asymptomatic positive.

Scottie Scheffler, the leading candidate as PGA Tour rookie of the year who tied for fourth in the PGA Championship last month, withdrew Sunday after a positive test.

"It goes without saying that I am hugely disappointed to not have the opportunity to play in my fourth U.S. Open but clearly the safety of the tournament and other players is paramount," Horsfield said in a message posted to Twitter.

Horsfield, who played two years for the Florida Gators, is No. 8 in the Race to Dubai standings.

BEARS

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by him for awhile. But they also came up with the sort of clutch turnover they didn't force often enough last season – Kyle Fuller's interception on a ball deflected by safety Eddie Jackson to set up the go-ahead touchdown.

But the Bears won. And coming off a disappointing 8-8 season, they'll take it.

What's working

The Bears ran for 149 yards on 28 carries, not a bad start after Chicago ranked 27th in rushing last season.

David Montgomery had 64 yards and averaged 4.9 per attempt, and Tarik Cohen added 41 yards on seven runs.

"That's gonna open up some of our bigger shots down the field for these guys," receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "Maybe instead of catching eight balls for 80 yards, now you're gonna catch six balls for about a buck 10 or a buck 20 because you're gonna hit one or two of those big throws. That's more appealing to a wideout. You'd rather have 60 catches for 1,000 yards than 80 catches for 900."

What needs help

A sore spot last season, third downs were an issue in the opener.

The Bears converted just 2 of 11 in the game and failed on their first seven before Anthony Miller caught an 18-yarder on third-and-10 at their 41 late in the third quarter. Jimmy Graham finished that drive by hauling in a 2-yard TD in the fourth to give Chicago its first touchdown and get the comeback started.

Stock up

After flashing his potential down the stretch last year, receiver Anthony Miller opened his third season with 76 yards on four catches. He came through with a lunging grab for a 27-yard touchdown to put the Bears on top with just under two minutes left.

Stock down

No one's stock really took a major hit in Week 1, though Trubisky's was sinking until the fourth quarter.

Next steps

The Bears play their home opener against the New York Giants, coming off a Monday Night matchup against Pittsburgh in their first game under coach Joe Judge.

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING SEP. 15

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Presidential Town Hall: Your Voice, Your Vote			The Conners
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N) CC		Love Island (N) CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Ride or Die" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Semi-Finals 2" Eleven semifinalists perform. (N) CC				:01 Transplant (N) (DVS)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen The winner is revealed.		Prodigal Son "Like Father..."		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	American Experience "The Vote"		Frontline Race, policing and reform. (N)		Building the American Dream (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Dead Pixels (N)	Dead Pixels	Tell Me a Story "Chapter 8: Truth"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "Last Minute Resistance"		Chicago P.D. "Grasping for Salvation"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Dead Pixels (N)	Dead Pixels	Tell Me a Story "Chapter 8: Truth"		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "One Day" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Extreme Unboxing	Extreme Unboxing
AMC	Gone in 60 Sec	Rocky Balboa ('06, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Burt Young. CC				:15 G.I. Jane ('97) CC	
Animal	Devoured	Mermaids: The Body Found: Extended				Mermaids: New	
BET	6:00 ATL ('06) CC			Acrimony ('18) Taraji P. Henson.			
Big Ten	:00 College Soccer CC			College Soccer CC			
Bravo	Below Deck	Below Deck Mediterranean CC		Below Deck Mediterranean (N) CC		Backyard Envy "I Gotta Grow Now" (N)	
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Dante's Peak ('97)	Backdraft ('91) Kurt Russell. Chicago firefighters work overtime to stop a mad arsonist. CC					Human Capital
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N) CC		Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid Expectant parents leave the mountain. (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Off Grid	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	:00 Fifty Shades Freed			:15 Fifty Shades Freed ('18) CC			
ESPN	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball			WNBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA.			
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped Sweets (N)	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Detroit Tigers.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	5:30 The Blind Side ('09)			Sweet Home Alabama ('02, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. CC			
FX	:00 Fast & Furious 6 ('13) Vin Diesel. Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help.					Furious 7 ('15) Vin Diesel.	
Golf	:00 Live From the U.S. Open (N)			Live From the U.S. Open			
Hallmark	Season for Love	My Secret Valentine ('18) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker, Peter MacNeill. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 The Third Day	Midway ('19, War) Ed Skrein. The U.S. Navy and fighter pilots battle Japanese forces. CC					Lovecraft Country
History	Secrets	Book of Secrets		America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition			
HGTV	Bones	Windy City Rehab		Windy City Rehab "Episode 1"			Kit. Crash
Learning	Derricos	Counting On (N)		Counting On (N)		Doubling Down	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Supernanny "Zampogna Family" (N)		Supernanny "Robertson Family" (N)		:03 Wife Swap A hip-hop artist's mom.	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Teen	Teen Mom 2 (N)		16 & Recovering (N)		9:54 Teen Mom 2	
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox. (N) CC					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Sponge.	Group	Dylan	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero "Taking Chances" (N)				:03 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Two Men	Law Abiding Citizen ('09) Jamie Foxx. CC					I Legend
Showtime	6:00 S.W.A.T.	Ray Donovan "Volcheck" CC		Inside the NFL (N) CC		The Journey	Desus & Mero
Starz	6:57 Looper ('12) Bruce Willis, Emily Blunt. CC			8:58 Power Book II: Ghost CC		Vida "Episode 1"	:37 Jarhead
STZENC	6:15 The Mask	Spider-Man 2 ('04, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. CC				:11 Young Guns ('88) CC	
SyFy	:00 Taken 2 ('12) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace.			American Sniper ('14, War) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Stage Fright	Women Make Film (N) CC		:15 Harlan County, U.S.A. ('76, Documentary) CC			
TMC	The Professor	Stripes ('81, Comedy) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis, Warren Oates. CC				Paul Blart: Mall Cop ('09)	
TNT	Goodfel	The Accountant ('16) Ben Affleck.					The Town
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Spiteful Spirits Descend"				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	National Security		Coming to America ('88) Eddie Murphy.				
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Sobering up changes dynamics of wife's closest relationships

DEAR ABBY: I know I have been blessed with wonderful relationships in my life. I have been married to the same lovely man for 25 years. I am also fortunate to have had the same best friend for 40 years. The problem? They drink.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Because of past behavior, I decided to get sober two years ago. I know I won't be able to drink socially again. I changed; they didn't.

We are all very high-functioning alcoholics. We never miss work and lead, for the most part, productive lives. I love them both so much. My husband is supportive and adoring. My best friend and I have gone through everything together. But Abby, I can't stand them after 8 p.m. after which they both repeat the same things over and over, and tell me how much they love me (in a slurry, sloppy way).

My life isn't bad, but this is making me miserable. I'm not asking that they quit drinking entirely, but for the sake of our relationship, I wish they'd just slow down some. Am I wrong to ask something of them that will change what was a big part of all of our lives for so long? I'm not willing to throw away long-term relationships, but I am truly at my wits' end. – Odd One Out In Washington

DEAR ODD ONE OUT: Because you can't control the behavior of anyone else, you have two choices – change the way you react to the person(s) or end the relationship(s). In this case, I vote for the former. Because your husband and your good friend are so drunk after 8 p.m. that they can no longer clearly pronounce their declarations of affection, plan some socially distanced visits with other sober individuals a few nights a week, including support group meetings for yourself, if you're not already attending them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16, and I feel as though my mother (a single parent) does not respect that I have differing political opinions. She is very liberal and is a registered Democrat. I am very conservative and, as of a few weeks ago, a registered Republican.

When I want to leave the house, if I'm wearing any of my conservative slogan apparel, she yells at me and tells me I'm not allowed to represent "us" like "that." I always do my best to be respectful of her beliefs and to have a civil conversation with her about politics, but she just ends up yelling at me and telling me I'm never going to get a girlfriend or find a job with my beliefs. At the same time, she's the most loving, supportive person I know when it comes to anything BUT politics. What can I do to get her to respect who I am and what I stand for? – Free-Thinking Guy In D.C.

DEAR GUY: Be patient with her and remain respectful. Because you understand that your mother is the most loving and supportive person you know (except when it comes to politics), try to accept that she's being protective in the only way she knows how – warning that in this current environment, expressing political beliefs can have lasting consequences. No matter what your political leanings are, as you mature I'm confident you will find a girlfriend and job that are compatible.

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Boyfriend wants to move in, but I love my alone time

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I love living alone. I had roommates all four years of college, and after I graduated, I shared a house with other women.

Carolyn Hax

While I never had a really bad roommate, I've just never liked having someone else sharing my space. I've lived alone for the last five years, and it's been wonderful.

With roommates, I hated having to talk any time I saw them, having to ask for permission before having people over, having my stuff moved around, etc. I adore coming home, having it be absolutely quiet and just the way I left it, doing as I please on my weekends, and so on.

I've been dating my boyfriend for a year and I love him very much and love his company for the most part. Lately, he's been asking if I'm interested in moving in together.

But I just don't know. I love being with him. But after a long day at work I just want the option of coming home and not talking to anyone, making whatever I want to eat and not worrying about anyone else.

I don't even feel like I sleep as well when I share a bed with my boyfriend. I prefer having sex and then coming home to my own apartment to sleep. Something about being alone truly relaxes me.

I worry about this since I do want to be married and have a family, so I'll eventually have to live with another person. Is this something I need therapy for, or will I get over feeling this way someday? – Loner

DEAR LONER: Would you please just show him this? It's so well said.

REGARDING LONER: I feel the same way about solitude. Carolyn, could you offer a little more guidance on how to 'splain to a beloved significant other that as much as I love being together, I love/crave/need/bask in long hours of solitude as well?

We are planning on sharing our lives in the same place, but I worry I won't find a good compromise in alone versus together time. How can it be done? – In Solidarity

DEAR IN SOLIDARITY: Loner's explanation was clear, concise, compassionate, perfect.

So I suspect what you're looking for is a bigger answer on whether this is OK, whether anyone will accept you this way, whether you have a right to ask?

If so, my answer is, you are who you are, you are fine, you are worthy of love. You may or may not find the person who fits right into your ways, but we all live with that risk, because none of us is guaranteed a fit. All we are guaranteed is the power to be who we are and decide whom we let in.

People find their compromises in all kinds of places, with accommodations as small as understandings and as big as separate homes. The important thing is that you say out loud who you are, how you feel and what you need, and hold out for a partner who is willing to hear these things without freaking out.

As for whether someone can "get over feeling this way," I think the better question is, can you get conflicting needs met – solitude and family. I'd say yes, imperfectly, with self-knowledge and the right mate.

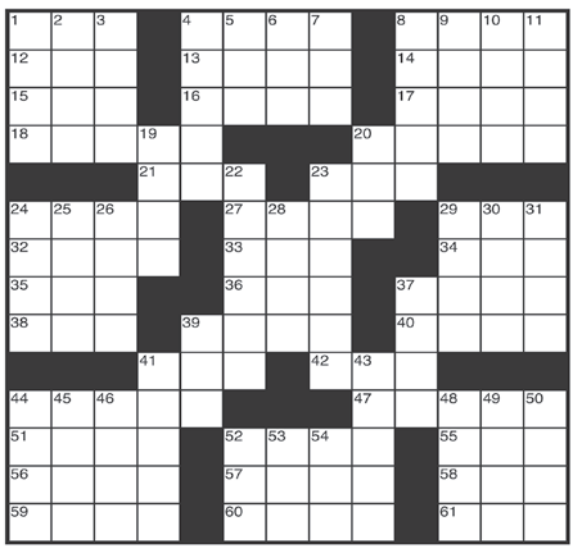
Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Pallid
4 King of gorillas
8 Margarine
12 Birthday count
13 Toledo's lake
14 Epsilon follower
15 Sable
16 Nah
17 Seaweed derivative
18 Lingerie item
20 Traverse
21 Western treaty grp.
23 Stir-fry pan
24 Enemies
27 Nongeneric swab (hyph.)
29 Region of India
32 Past due
33 Search engine find
34 Massage
35 Eureka!
36 Help out
37 Diligence
38 Play on words
39 Woodwind
40 D.A. backup
41 Qt. fractions
42 Decay
44 Dark ale
47 Sandwich (Var.)
51 Holds gently
52 Stew pods
55 Billy — Williams
56 Ogden locale
57 Raise, as kids
58 Miscellany
59 As expected
60 Data unit
61 Sea, to Yves

DOWN
1 Blow gently
2 Fit of shivering
3 Dweeb
4 Where Nairobi is
5 Sierra Madre gold
6 Bite
7 Haw opposite
8 Arkansas mountains
9 Toy building block
10 LAX info
11 Paddle kin
19 Rx amount
20 Uniform wearer
22 Young pigeons
23 More rugged
24 Turkey
25 Waikiki's island
26 Bond's alma mater
28 Three musicians
29 Mardi —
30 What we have
31 Help in wrongdoing
37 Roman censor
39 Giants slugger of yore
41 Aggressive
43 Windy City airport
44 Low-drifting clouds
45 Ballerina's attire
46 October's stone
48 Eve's mate
49 Mr. Hackman
50 Trip around the sun
52 Moon, e.g.
53 Custodian's need
54 Informer



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JUMBLE

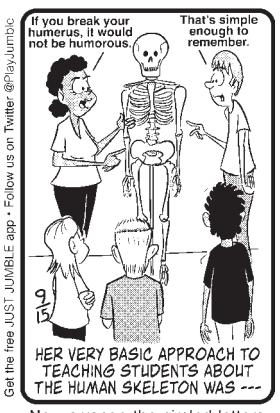
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

COLLA

GREEM

NPURSG

BLINEB


If you break your humerus, it would not be humorous.
That's simple enough to remember.
HER VERY BASIC APPROACH TO TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT THE HUMAN SKELETON WAS ---
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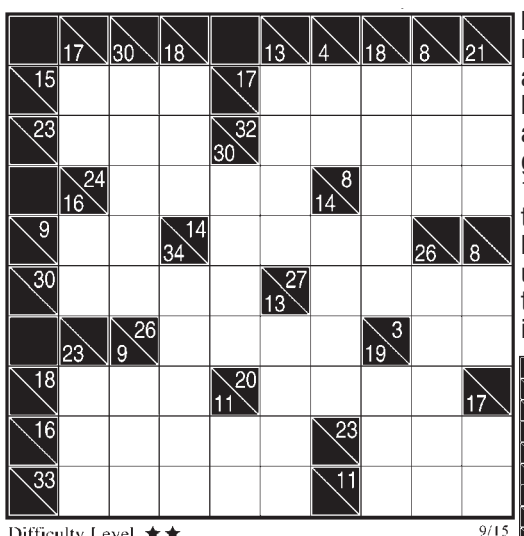
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ____ - ____

(Answers tomorrow)

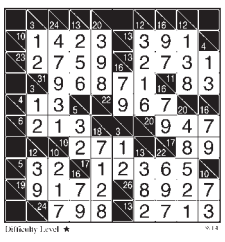
Yesterday's Jumbles: EIGHT COVER SHRANK CATNIP
Answer: When the chick was ready to leave its shell, it took the — ESCAPE HATCH

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★ 9/15



BRIDGE

Brian Eno, a musician whose name is popular with crossword compilers, claimed in "Wired" magazine: "I'm struck by the insidious, computer-driven tendency to take things out of the domain of muscular activity and put them into the domain of mental activity. The transfer is not paying off. Sure, muscles are unreliable, but they represent several million years of accumulated finesse."

Bridge players need mental activity, and often their minds will be considering a finesse. Hardly a deal is played without a finesse. The couple in this deal, which occurred during a duplicate at Bridge Base Online, are not commonplace.

How should South play in four spades after West leads the club 10: queen, ace, ruff?

Clearly, declarer has to establish his heart suit, and usually it is right to play on that side suit immediately. So, at trick two, South led the heart queen, planning to take a ruffing finesse by discarding from the board if West did not cover with the ace or king.

Here, though, West did cover with the king. South ruffed on the board, played a spade to his ace and continued with the heart jack. This time, West played low, so a club disappeared from the dummy. On the heart 10 continuation, the same scenario repeated itself. West had to play his ace on the fourth heart. Declarer ruffed with the spade jack and continued with the diamond king. East took that trick and returned the suit to dummy's queen. There followed a club ruff, the spade king, the heart nine and another heart. The declarer lost only two spades and one diamond. Surprisingly, this result was a cold top.

North 09-15-20
♠ J 8 7
♥ —
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ K Q 8 5 4 2

West
♠ Q 10 5 4
♥ A K 5 3
♦ J 2
♣ 10 9 7

East
♠ 3
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A 10 9 6 4
♣ A J 6 3

South
♠ A K 9 6 2
♥ Q J 10 9 6 2
♦ 7 3
♣ —

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

7						5		1
	4	1	5	3	9		7	2
			8			6		
5	2		3	4		7		
1	7			6			2	5
		6		5	2		1	4
		7			3			
8	5		1	7	6	4	3	
9		3						7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	3	5	4	9	7	2	8	6
9	8	4	5	2	6	1	3	7
6	7	2	3	8	1	4	9	5
8	4	7	6	3	9	5	1	2
3	1	9	2	4	5	7	6	8
2	5	6	1	7	8	9	4	3
4	9	8	7	6	2	3	5	1
5	2	3	8	1	4	6	7	9
7	6	1	9	5	3	8	2	4

BEETLE BAILEY

I SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN THAT WHOLE ANCHOVY, ONION, GARLIC, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERONI PIZZA!
GREG + MORT WALKER
9/14
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
JUST HEARING THAT GIVES ME INDIGESTION!
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BLONDIE

BOSS, HOW DO YOU STAY MOTIVATED ON THE DAYS YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE COMING TO THE OFFICE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I MEAN, ON DAYS WHEN YOU WOULD RATHER DO ANYTHING ELSE THAN DEAL WITH THE HASSLES OF RUNNING A BIG COMPANY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUMSTEAD
SOME DAYS IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SMALL TALK WITH THE BOSS!
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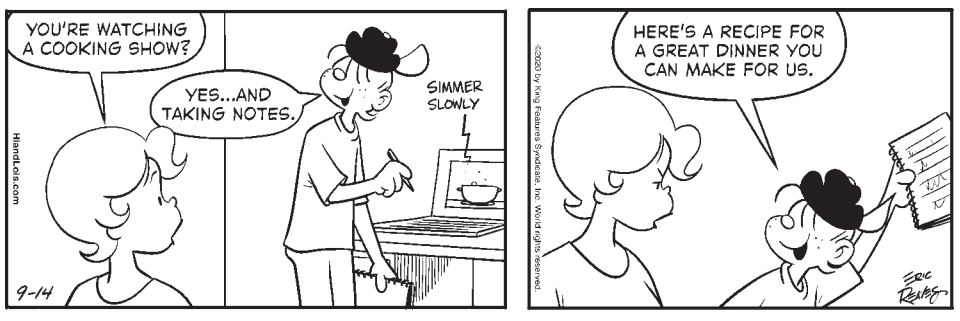
YOU'RE WATCHING A COOKING SHOW?
YES...AND TAKING NOTES.
SIMMER SLOWLY
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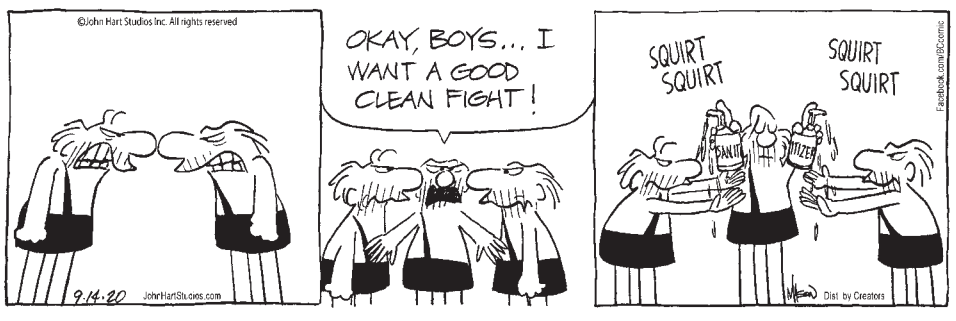

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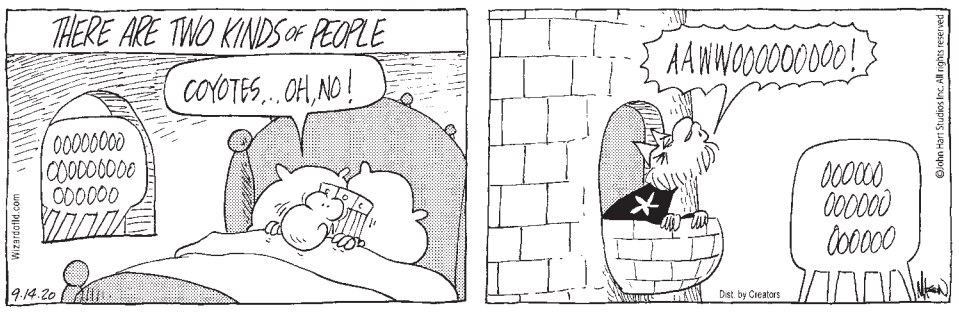

DILBERT

WELL, I PERSONALLY DOUBLED MY INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
NOW I HAVE A BAD CASE OF SURVIVOR GUILT.
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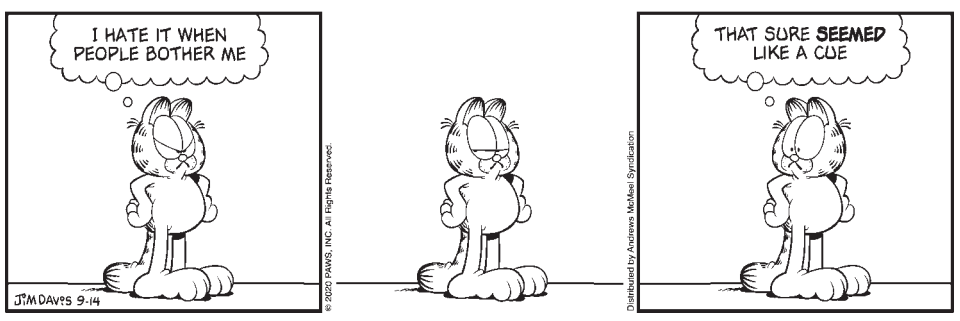
DO YOU EXPECT TO GET MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THAT?
I WON'T KNOW UNTIL I TRY.

GARFIELD


I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER ME
JIM DAVIS 9-14
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THAT SURE SEEMED LIKE A CUE
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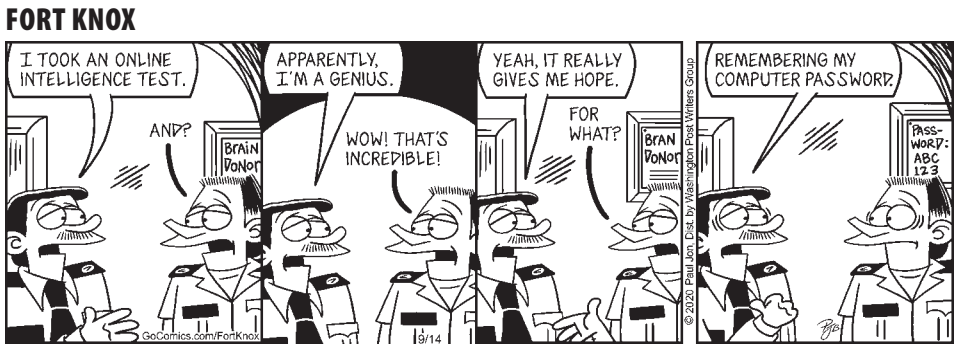

PICKLES

WE'RE GOING OUT FOR A WHILE. YOU TWO BEHAVE YOURSELVES WHILE WE'RE GONE.
THEY'RE GONE! THE HOUSE IS ALL OURS!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO TELL US WHAT TO DO! WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT!!
BIG DEAL. I'M A CAT. I ALWAYS DO ANYTHING I WANT.
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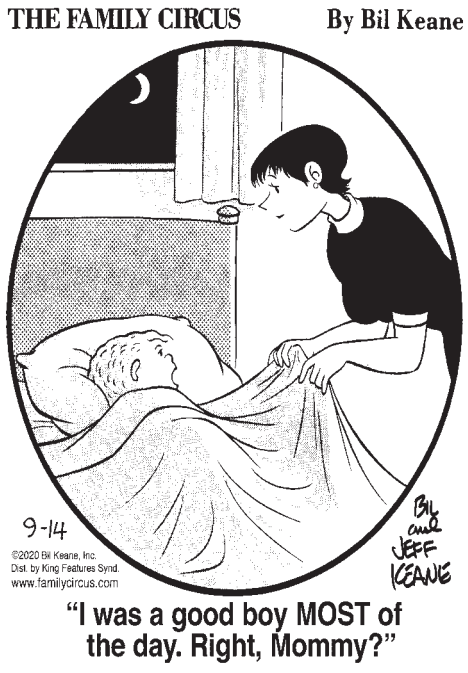
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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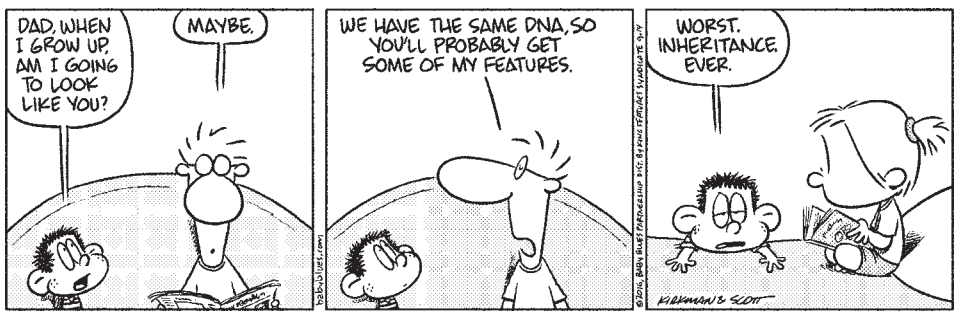
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"I was a good boy MOST of the day. Right, Mommy?"

BABY BLUES


DAD, WHEN I GROW UP, AM I GOING TO LOOK LIKE YOU?
MAYBE.
WE HAVE THE SAME DNA, SO YOU'LL PROBABLY GET SOME OF MY FEATURES.
WORST. INHERITANCE. EVER.
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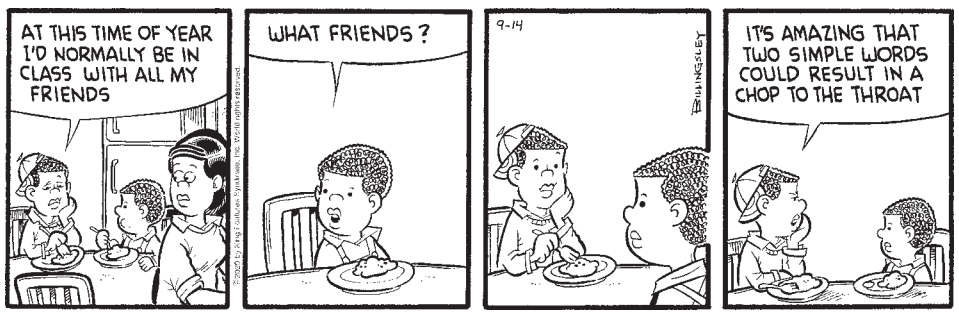
AT THIS TIME OF YEAR I'D NORMALLY BE IN CLASS WITH ALL MY FRIENDS
WHAT FRIENDS?
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BRUNSLEY
IT'S AMAZING THAT TWO SIMPLE WORDS COULD RESULT IN A CHOP TO THE THROAT

ZITS

IS THAT ANOTHER TEXT FROM JAKE?
UH-HUH.
SCOTT and BORGMAN
I'M REALLY NOT COOL WITH YOU TEXTING OTHER GUYS, SARA.
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SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, OR JUST UN-WOKE.
ACTUALLY, HE'S BOTH.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

YOU WERE TOO EASY ON THAT GUARD!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT? I PUSHED HIM INTO THE MOAT!
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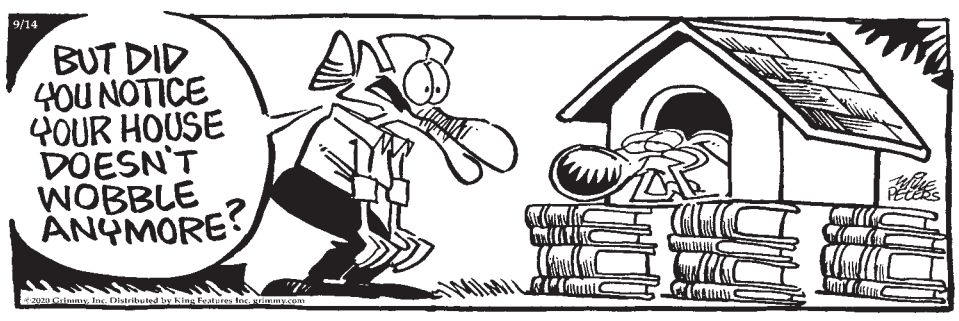
YOU ASKED HIM IF HE COULD SWIM BEFORE YOU PUSHED HIM IN!
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM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BUT DID YOU NOTICE YOUR HOUSE DOESN'T WOBBLE ANYMORE?
MIKE PETERS
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MUTTS

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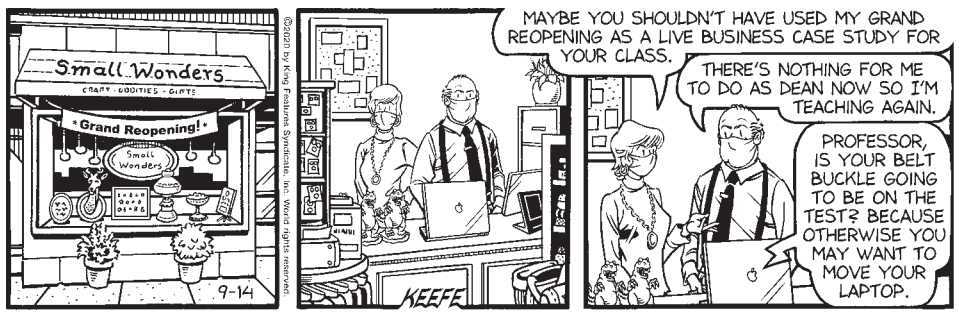
Small Wonders
CRAFTY · GOODIES · GIFTS
Grand Reopening!
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MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE USED MY GRAND REOPENING AS A LIVE BUSINESS CASE STUDY FOR YOUR CLASS.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO AS DEAN NOW SO I'M TEACHING AGAIN.
PROFESSOR, IS YOUR BELT BUCKLE GOING TO BE ON THE TEST? BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU MAY WANT TO MOVE YOUR LAPTOP.
KEEFE

DENNIS THE MENACE

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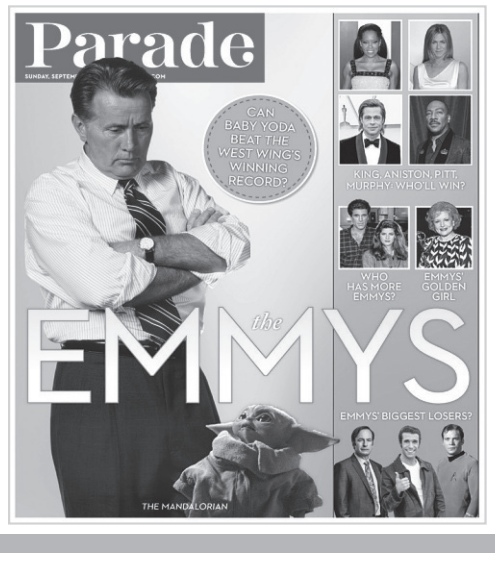
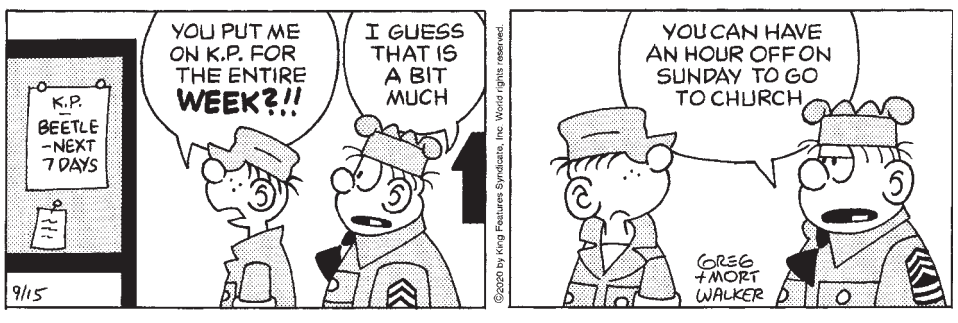
DON'T MISS
THIS WEEKEND'S
ISSUE
Look for it in this Saturday's edition



BEETLE BAILEY


K.P. – BEETLE – NEXT 7 DAYS
YOU PUT ME ON K.P. FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK?!!
I GUESS THAT IS A BIT MUCH
9/15
YOU CAN HAVE AN HOUR OFF ON SUNDAY TO GO TO CHURCH
GREG + MORT WALKER
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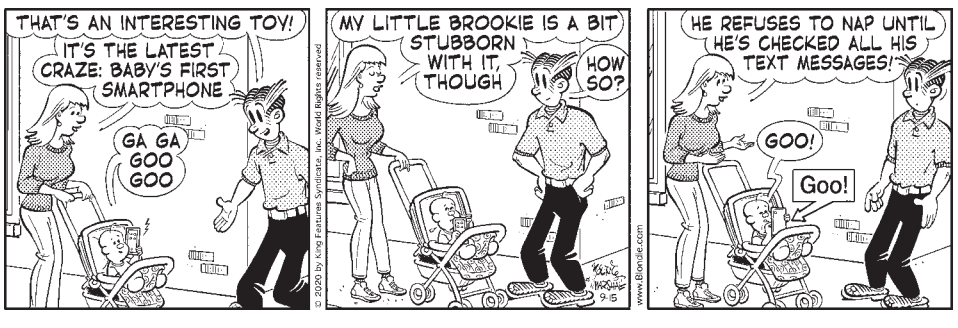
THAT'S AN INTERESTING TOY!
IT'S THE LATEST CRAZE: BABY'S FIRST SMARTPHONE
GA GA GOO GOO
MY LITTLE BROOKIE IS A BIT STUBBORN WITH IT, THOUGH
HOW SO?
HE REFUSES TO NAP UNTIL HE'S CHECKED ALL HIS TEXT MESSAGES!
GOO!
Goo!
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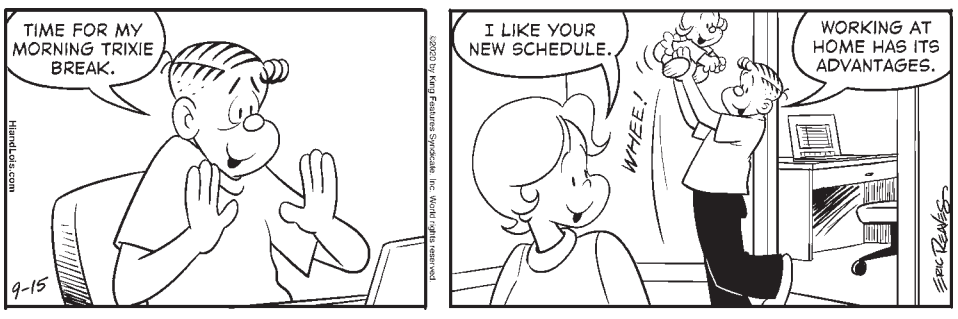
HI & LOIS


TIME FOR MY MORNING TRIXIE BREAK.
9-15
I LIKE YOUR NEW SCHEDULE.
WHEE!
WORKING AT HOME HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.
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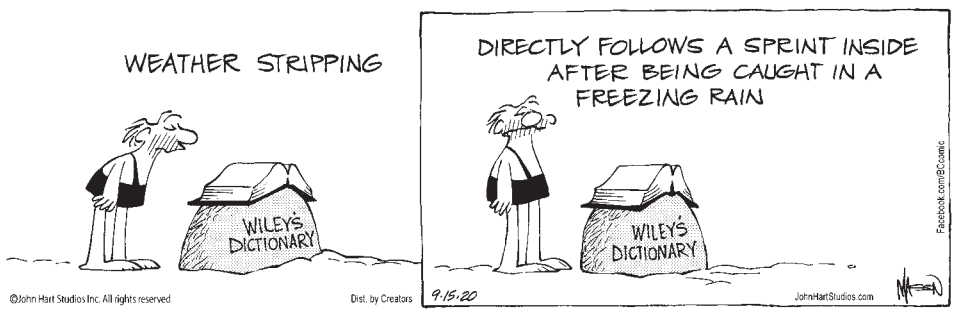

WIZARD OF ID

SOMEONE'S BEEN STEALING FROM OUR VINEYARDS!
Wizardofid.com
Facebook.com/WizardOfId
OUR LIVELIHOOD IS BEING TAKEN AWAY! WHAT WILL YOU DO?
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'TIS I! THE GRAPED CRUSADER!

DILBERT

WE DOUBLED OUR INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND IT ISN'T A GOOD LOOK.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
WE NEED TO MAKE SOME SORT OF INSINCERE GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING.
OR WE COULD ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE.
I'M THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A SIGN IN THE FOYER.
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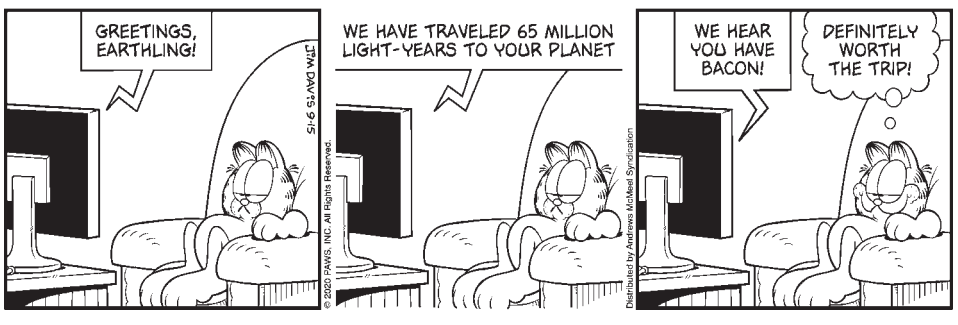
GREETINGS, EARTHLING!
JIM DAVIS 9-15
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WE HAVE TRAVELED 65 MILLION LIGHT-YEARS TO YOUR PLANET
WE HEAR YOU HAVE BACON!
DEFINITELY WORTH THE TRIP!
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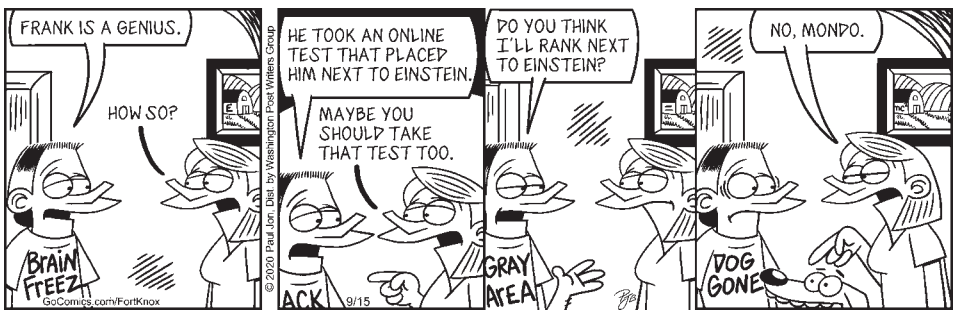
FORT KNOX


FRANK IS A GENIUS.
HOW SO?
BRAIN FREEZE
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HE TOOK AN ONLINE TEST THAT PLACED HIM NEXT TO EINSTEIN.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE THAT TEST TOO.
ACK
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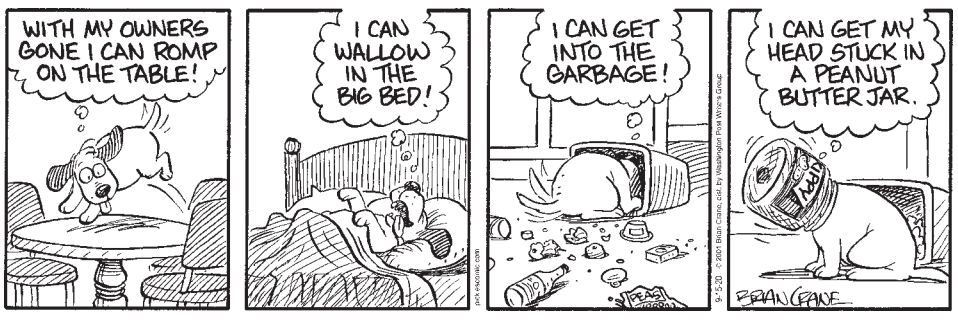
DO YOU THINK I'LL RANK NEXT TO EINSTEIN?
GRAY AREA
NO, MONDO.
DOG GONE

PICKLES


WITH MY OWNERS GONE I CAN ROMP ON THE TABLE!
I CAN WALLOW IN THE BIG BED!
I CAN GET INTO THE GARBAGE!
I CAN GET MY HEAD STUCK IN A PEANUT BUTTER JAR.
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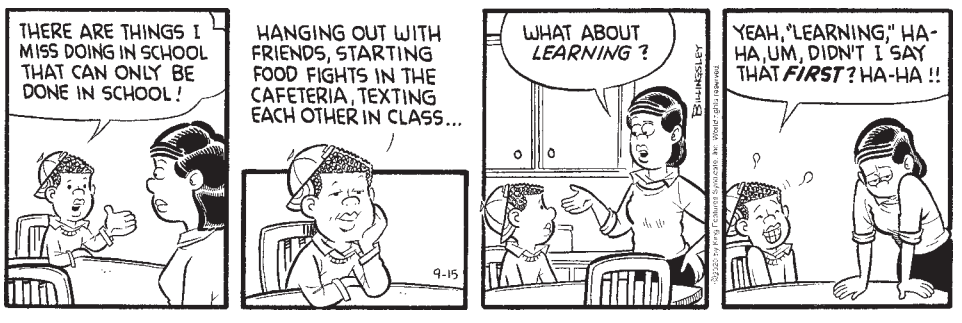
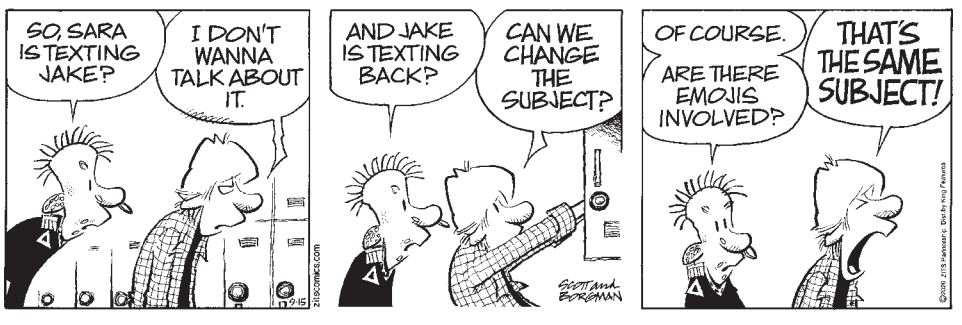
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"That crash you just heard isn't something you will want to check on."

BABY BLUES

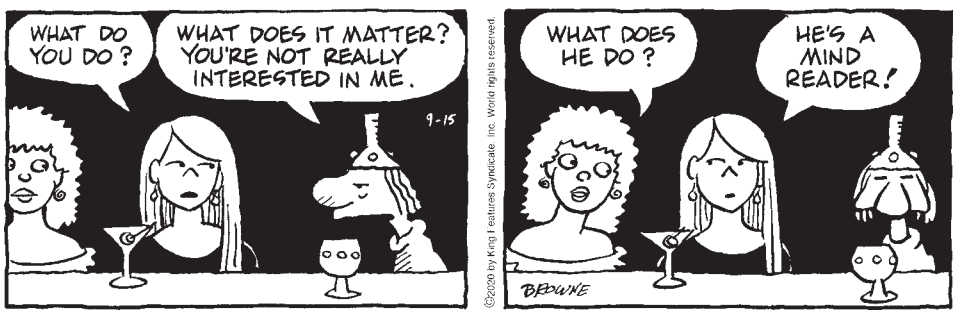
CURTIS


THERE ARE THINGS I MISS DOING IN SCHOOL THAT CAN ONLY BE DONE IN SCHOOL!
HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, STARTING FOOD FIGHTS IN THE CAFETERIA, TEXTING EACH OTHER IN CLASS...
9-15
WHAT ABOUT LEARNING?
YEAH, "LEARNING," HA-HA, UM, DIDN'T I SAY THAT FIRST? HA-HA!!

ZITS


SO, SARA IS TEXTING JAKE?
I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.
zitscomics.com
AND JAKE IS TEXTING BACK?
CAN WE CHANGE THE SUBJECT?
SCOTT and BORGMAN
OF COURSE. ARE THERE EMOJIS INVOLVED?
THAT'S THE SAME SUBJECT!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WHAT DO YOU DO?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? YOU'RE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN ME.
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WHAT DOES HE DO?
HE'S A MIND READER!
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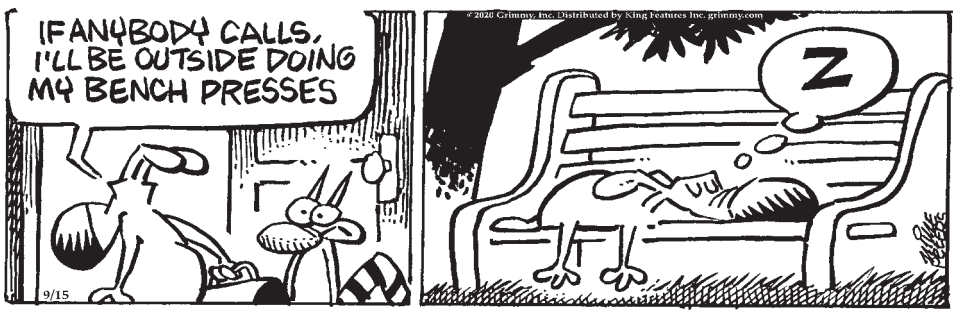
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO OPEN THE STORE AGAIN, RALPH...
KEEFE
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANYONE WALK BY—MUCH LESS INTO—THE STORE.
GIVE IT A LITTLE TIME, JACKIE. THINGS ARE BOUND TO PICK UP VERY SOON.
9-15
BUT PROFESSOR, THAT ISN'T WHAT YOU SAID IN YESTERDAY'S—
YOU WANT TO HAVE A PAPER DUE TOMORROW OR DO YOU WANT TO SWITCH TO MUTE NOW?!
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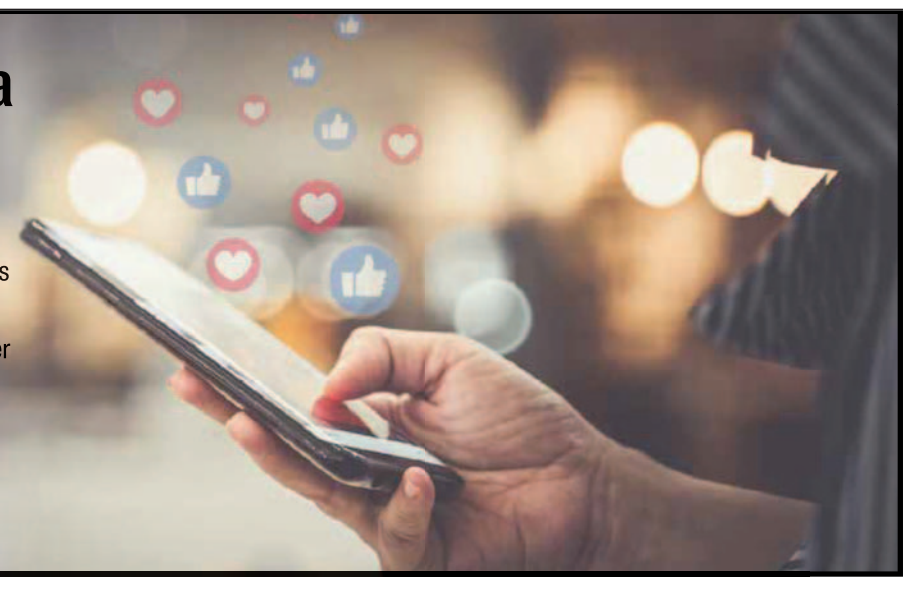

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CLASSIFIEDS

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Hours: Monday - Friday 8am-4pm EST
Saturday & Sunday 8am-11am EST

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$600 per month plus deposit
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Waterfront Historic Duplex
For Sale at realestatesales.gov or Call Lisa (312) 886-9480.
Extensive mold in the property.

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LEGALS

Cook

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

Vehicles For Sale:

2005 Gray Ford Ranger Extended Cab
2 wheel Drive
Mileage 49,476
Has Tonneau Cover

2004 Gray Ford Crown Victoria
2 wheel drive
4 Door
Mileage 62,343

Sealed bids due at the Township Hall by Noon, September 28th, 2020.

Vehicles may be seen at St. Joseph Charter Township Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI, 269-429-7703

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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STATE OF INDIANA
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
IN THE ST. JOSEPH PROBATE COURT
CAUSE NO. 71J01-2008-AD-000068

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: Lucian Emery Fowler (97941)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Edward Matthew Ward, who has been named the Father of the child born to Brittney Teresa Fowler on May 30, 2010, is notified that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Office of the of the Clerk of the St. Joseph Probate Court, located at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1000 South Michigan Street, South bend, Indiana 46601.

If Edward Matthew Ward seeks to contest the adoption of Lucian Emery Fowler, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above-named Court, or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Notice

If Edward Matthew Ward:

1. Does not file:
a. A motion to contest the adoption; or
b. A Paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice; or

2. After filing a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under I.C. 31-14-21-9 through I.C. 31-14-21-11;

the above named Court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose the right to establish his paternity of the child under I.C. 31-14.

Nothing Brittney Teresa Fowler or Sharif Rahmy, or anyone else, says to Edward Matthew Ward relieves Edward Matthew Warn of his obligations under this Notice.

Under Indiana Law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For purposes of this Notice, Edward Matthew Ward, is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption.

A person being served with this Notice should consult the Indiana Adoption Statutes.
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FOUND

Hartford, MI
CAT FOUND near 62nd St. & 66th Ave. If it might be yours, call or text 616-826-6962

EMPLOYMENT

GENERAL HELP

Stevensville, MI

POOL GUYS

$20/Hour - Crew Leaders
$14/Hour - Helpers
Driver's License Required
Sensationalhottubs@att.net

Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
Perform routine general maintenance, operate and utilize all town equipment as directed by the street commissioner. Assist in leaf pickup , patching potholes, storm maintenance and other misc. jobs given by the street commissioner. Must have high diploma, valid drivers license and must be able to lift or carry 50lbs.
Please contact the street commissioner, Chris Ott to set up a time to get an application at 219-872-4780

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR

Benton Charter Township will be accepting applications for a Water Distribution System Operator beginning September 10, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

This is an entry level position. The position requires semiskilled work in the installation and removal, connecting and disconnecting of water meters. Work is performed under the direction of the Water Distribution System Supervisor. The Water Distribution System Operator must be able to routinely perform, after sufficient training, duties involving water distribution system construction, repair, operations, including water meter reading, installation, testing, and repair, cross connection compliance, and general system administration.

All applicants must possess a high school diploma, must obtain an S-4 operator certification within the time requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
In addition, all applicants must be able to pass physical examination and drug/alcohol screening test, background check, and possess a commercial driver's license. Other minimum qualifications apply.

Beginning salary is $30,000 to $40,000 with benefits.

Applications may be obtained at the Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd., Bldg. B., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. All applications and/or resumes should be sent to Mike Baldwin, Water Department Supervisor, 555 N. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, email mikebaldwin@bentoncharter township-mi.gov
E.O.E.

Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

SKILLED TRADE

The City of St. Joseph is currently accepting applications for the position of a full-time Laborer in the Parks and Cemetery Division. Applicants are required to have a valid Michigan Driver's license with a safe driving record, a valid Michigan Category 6 pesticide applicators certification or ability to obtain one within the employment probationary period. To apply, please submit a resume to the City of St Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad St, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or lmoore@sjcity.com. A full job description is available at www.sjcity.com. Resumes will be accepted until Friday, October 2, 2020.

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in Bridgman
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Will Train
Call Debbie btw 9 am to 6 pm
269-326-1225

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Needs to be organized, have strong attention to detail, able to multi-task and work in a fast-paced atmosphere.
Must be able to communicate effectively and professionally.

Customer Service and Sales Experience preferred, but willing to train the right person.
Computer Experience Required.
Must have reliable transportation.

Email your resume to Angelique: apetersen@thehp.com

No Calls Please!

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GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

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CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Monday, September 28, 2020 the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of South Haven will hear public comments related to the following request. The public hearings will be held at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom video conference concerning the following:

1. 41 Grand Boulevard, Zoning Variance

DIMENSIONAL AND NONUSE VARIANCE (SECTION 2205).

Mr. Robert Jordan, of 41 Grand Boulevard, has submitted an application for zoning variance based upon a dimensional hardship that presently restricts the homeowner from constructing a privacy fence in his back yard taller than six feet. This home legally conforms presently to all the setback requirements within the R-1C zoning district, in which it lies. The parcel number for the referenced address is 80-53-808-006-50.

The application and plans are available for review and written comments will be received until 4:00 P.M., September 28th at South Haven City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. For more information to view the public meeting contact City Hall by September 28th or view the posted agenda packet online at the City website www.south-haven.com which will contain viewing instruction and commentary procedures. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

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Bradley S. Kotrba
Planning & Zoning Administrator
(269) 637-0760

WANTED TO RENT/ BUY/TRADE

Benton Harbor, MI
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Please contact Tom at 269-313-7001 or 3pillarsmusic@gmail.com

Wanted to Rent!
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Miscellaneous
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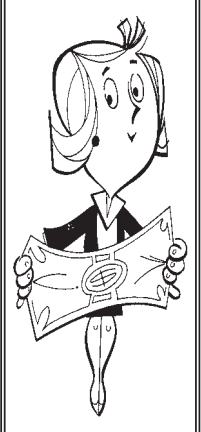


IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Finish what you start. It's time to build a solid foundation upon which to build your future. How you perceive your journey will have a lot to do with the success you achieve. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Aim to stand out, not to blend in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As information unfolds, you will have second and third thoughts. Listen, assess and think things through before you change directions or commit to something uncertain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Listen to your inner voice and make your move. Let your emotions take charge and the world know how you feel. Saying what's on your mind will help you discover the best path to take. Don't fold under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Protect your reputation. Think innovatively, and make adjustments that will protect your safety, well-being and important relationships. You can get things done today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep moving forward. Refuse to let anyone come between you and your goal. Stay on top of new technology and any economic changes that might jeopardize your financial standing. Avoid impulsive moves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's time to make a move. Look over your finances, and you'll find a way to improve your current situation. Let your gut feeling lead you to security and long-term success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Sit tight, be an observer and plan how best to move forward when the time is right. You can make personal improvements if you pool your resources with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Speak the truth and clear the air. Focus on building strong unions with the people who are most likely to have your back. Someone from your past will offer insight into a confusing situation.

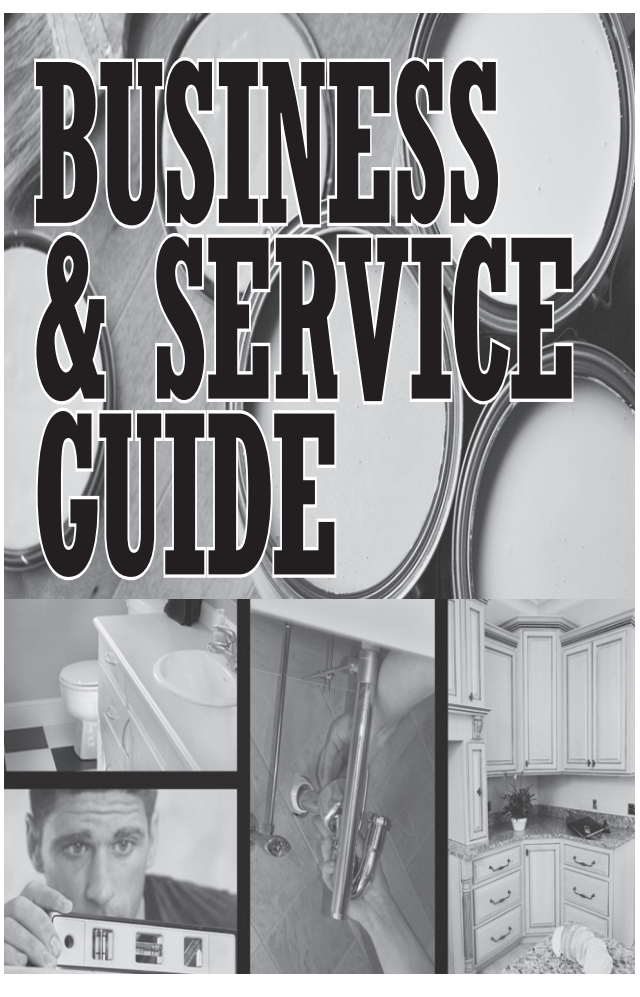
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do something that will boost your morale or help you bring about positive physical change. Start a new fitness routine or diet that will help you build strength and ward off illness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Aim to please, but not at your own expense. Offer kindness and compassion, not your cash. If the advice you offer comes from the heart, it will be well-received. Hard work will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Inconsistency is apparent. Ask questions, and be precise to avoid a misunderstanding. Emotions will flare if someone doesn't give you accurate information. Proceed with caution, and stick to the truth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll stumble across valuable information through conversations with friends, relatives or colleagues. Be open to suggestions, but keep an eye on your wallet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You must get things right the first time if you wish to avoid criticism or complaints. A change someone makes will leave you in an awkward position. Be prepared to proceed on your own. Romance is featured.



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